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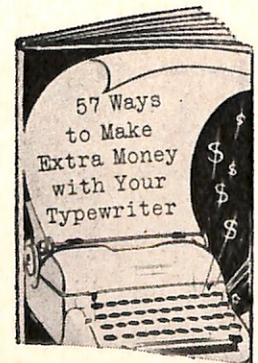
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Tom Wrigley Writes from WASHINGTON

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Messages in Stone

Shortest inscription on Federal buildings here is the Archives Building—"What is Past is Prologue." Longest, which visitors seldom look up to read, is on the north side of the Commerce Department—"Based Upon Foundations of Devotion and Labor, the United States is Enriched by Other Golden Threads in the Genius of its People. Inventive Darling Illumines Their Diligence. Adventurous Ardor Invigorates the Work of Their Hands. Under Governmental Guardianship Their Ideas and Their Activities are Assured the Liberty That is the Soul of Achievement."

Protest Atomic Tests

The flood of protests from citizens living in areas of atomic tests is increasing, Congressmen report. People in Nevada don't like it at all. Meanwhile, a new survival plan for Washingtonians in case of nuclear attack says escape here must be to the west, north or south. The fallout blanket would prevent any escape by sea or to the east.

New Washington Map

Geological Survey has published a big six-color map of the Washington area, 50 x 72 inches. It is designed for defense authorities, planning officials and such but is something of interest to many citizens. The map can be purchased for \$1.50.

That Bean Soup

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Welcome Queen

Cold, indifferent, blasé Washington is already preparing to give Queen Elizabeth II a roaring welcome when she comes to the Nation's Capital in October. It looks now as if she will receive one of the greatest ovations ever paid a visiting ruler. All of this is quite unusual. Officials and just plain citizens here show but passing interest when presidents and princes, emperors and potentates come to town. It's an old trick of the government to decorate the route of the parade with flags and welcome banners and give government workers time off so they can stand along the streets and cheer. Many, however,

go shopping instead. News that King Nabob of Rusticania is coming to town is just "Oh, Yeah" to folks here. Queen Elizabeth II, however, is the first reigning queen to visit this nation. Her popularity is world-wide. Washington is getting ready to show by its hearty greeting that she and her entourage are the kind of folks we like to have come to see us.

Need Army Scientists

Our Army is facing a problem in the national shortage of scientists and engineers. They are a vital part of the nation's security and a real effort has been launched to attract more of them in our national defense. A survey revealed that those now in the army, though working for much lower pay than in industry, stay on the job. The rate of turnover is less than in other classifications. They realize the importance of their work and have a deep sense of loyalty.

Gun Plot Flops

A shipload of guns and ammunition from Guatemala which undercover sleuths thought were going to be smuggled to rebel factions in Cuba finally arrived in Washington. The guns were in the hold of a Norwegian freighter, more than a hundred cases of them, but they were of the vintage of 1873, obsolete guns and cannon and rusty bayonets, consigned to a dealer in antique arms here.

Potomac Peelings

Taxi inspection here this Summer put 165 cars on the junk pile. Seven out of 10 had to have repairs and about one out of four had to be sent back from three to five times to get fixed up . . . U. S. population is over the 171,400,000 mark and increasing 8,000 every day . . . Washington has needed another airport for eight years but political pow-wows have stalled action . . . A zoning map lists a Washington cemetery as "single family row-house dwellings" . . . A bank gives prizes to those who can guess the temperature in front at noon every Friday . . . Daily checks are made to find out how much radio activity fallout is in the air over Washington . . . U. S. Fish and Wild Life Service has tried 4,346 chemical tests in the attack against the lamprey eel . . . The President is for tearing down the old State, War and Navy Building next to the White House, although he hates to see it go . . . Commerce Reports say many industries are finding it cheaper to ship by air . . . It's hot in Washington but publicity seekers no longer fry eggs on the steps of the Capitol in the broiling sun . . . What of it—there's air conditioning everywhere, even in the autos.



DAME WASHINGTON has smothered her pride and now drags out of the official closet a skeleton long hidden from the public. In this capital of the nation, behind the marble buildings, the monuments and fountains, the plush embassies and the swank hotels, live 50,000 people who are not only poor but hungry. At long last these thousands are now being listed to receive surplus stocks of food. It was quite a shock when the District Commissioners announced a contract had been signed with the Department of Agriculture for supplies of food which will total \$750,000 in value the first year. Hunger was presumed to be unknown in the capital of the best fed and richest country in the world. A checkup, however, showed that in addition to the 20,000 Washingtonians now getting some sort of welfare aid, another 30,000 are actually going hungry because they haven't enough money to buy food. A newly created Division of Surplus Foods has set up distribution centers throughout the city. Actual food distribution is just getting underway. Under the plan persons who have been certified will receive postcards. They will take the cards to the various centers and get their food supplies. Other cities and towns, however, are studying the program. One thing is

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"The Joy of Giving"



Left: Benjamin J. DeCinque, sponsored by Penns Grove, N. J., Lodge, is devoting his career to helping young children toward the road of recovery. He is a staff physical therapist at the Delaware Curative Workshop in Wilmington and did advance study at the University of Pennsylvania through a Foundation grant. The therapy being administered is "muscle re-education" for a paralyzed leg.



Above: With the assistance of an Elks National Foundation grant, Miss Freda Fox completed a course at the Cardinal Glennon Memorial Hospital for Children, St. Louis, and is now employed at the Cerebral Palsy Training Center in that city. Miss Fox is shown giving therapy to a cerebral-palsied child, using stabilizers and standing table.



Above: Here's a dynamic illustration of what can be done for children afflicted with cerebral palsy. Mrs. Eleanor DeGiacomo, whose training was financed by the Elks National Foundation, has not only started special class work in the Needham, Mass., school system, but in cooperation with the parents is now working toward the establishment of a building program that will contain new and suitable classrooms. Writing to Mr. Malley, Mrs. DeGiacomo said, "I offer this information to you as an illustration of what can be done for these children. The Elks National Foundation shares this success."

This gratifying letter was recently sent to Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, by Brother Casimir Gabriel, F.S.C., Dean of Manhattan College, New York City.

"Enclosed is the report of the semester grades of James P. Considine who, under your auspices, is enjoying scholarship assistance at Manhattan College. This young man has a debt of gratitude to you for the opportunity you have given him. I trust you find

your confidence has been well placed.

"The Administration of Manhattan College also acknowledges its indebtedness to you. Its program of financial aid to needy students has received considerable impetus by your generosity to worthy applicants. The College benefits by our liaison with you and by the attendance of good students sponsored by you."

We particularly call the attention of our many thousands of readers to the digest of the report of the Elks National Foundation that appears elsewhere in this issue and the accompanying remarks on the outstanding program of the Foundation for the year, as reported by Chairman John F. Malley. Through the contributions of individuals, subordinate lodges and State Associations, the Principal Fund of the Foundation was increased by \$453,508.74, a greater amount than for any previous year.

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By a Subscriber

I work in a large city. Over a period of time I noticed that men who read **The Wall Street Journal** are better dressed, drive better cars, have better homes, and eat in better restaurants.

I said to myself, "Which came first, the hen or the egg? Do they read The Journal because they have more money, or do they have more money because they read The Journal?"

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During the darkest hours of the Suez crisis last fall, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, our Nation's top military planners, fearing the U. S. was on the brink of war, met day and night in urgent, map-cluttered sessions. Secret dispatches, alerting our Armed Forces the world over, hummed out over the Pentagon's vast telecon and radio communications system. Most of the U. S. Navy was ordered to sea. The Strategic Air Command was galvanized to full alert. Big jet bombers "stood down" on SAC airfields where they were gassed and loaded with atomic and hydrogen bombs. But during this crisis, as in so many others in the past few years—Korea, Formosa, Indo-China—the Strategic Air Command, the most powerful military force in history, was the "forgotten" force. The Navy and the "obsolete" foot-soldier, specifically the U. S. Marines, played the key role in protecting U. S. interests in the Mideast, and in projecting U. S. power-diplomacy.

Early in the crisis, a red alert flashed to Marine forces in the Far East. At one o'clock on the morning of November 8, a message reached the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, engaged in field maneuvers on the slopes of Mount Fuji, Japan, "Move back to main camp." Rugged Marines, fully equipped with weapons and battle dress, broke camp and within five hours they had assembled in headquarters. Two hours later they boarded ship ready to fight anywhere the U. S. (Continued on page 45)





THE SPEECH

MUCH as I would like to share everything with you on this memorable occasion, it would be impossible for me adequately to describe and convey to you all of the tremendous and conflicting emotions that have engulfed me in these last few minutes. At the moment that my election became a reality there was first a great feeling of exultation, of joy and of immense pride that you had chosen me as the leader of this, our nation's greatest fraternity. Then as I was being escorted down the aisle toward the stage, I could literally feel the burdens and responsibilities of the office pressing down upon me with steadily increasing force, and there was a moment of anxiety and apprehension. But then, as I neared the platform and first saw the encouragement and confidence on the faces of these distinguished leaders who have preceded me, and then turned to receive the full force of your vibrant and magnificent acceptance of my election, I was immediately reassured and sustained, and I knew then, as I know now, that all will be well.

*"I am only one—BUT I AM ONE!
I can't do everything—BUT I CAN
DO SOMETHING!"*

*And what I can do, that I ought
to do;*

*And what I ought to do, by the
grace of God, I WILL DO."*

Gratitude Expressed

It would also be impossible for me to individually designate and adequately express all of the thanks that are so justly due; probably no one ever owed so much to so many. High on the list stands the Hon. Henry C. Warner, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, rugged individualist and staunch friend, who has been my sponsor, and who has so ably and so patiently guided me through the sometimes tortuous paths. For all that Henry Warner has done for me I shall be forever grateful, and all that he has done for Elksdom shall be my constant beacon.

All of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers not only have my sincere thanks, but individually and collectively, they have my respect and admiration, and a very, very warm place in my full and humble heart.

To Judge Delehant, one of the ablest men on the Federal judiciary, and who so generously and so eloquently pre-

sented my nomination; to Governor Anderson of Nebraska for both his presence here and his words, I am also greatly indebted.

The Order of Elks has no place for bigotry or intolerance in matters of religion or politics, and the fact that these do not exist within our ranks is notably demonstrated by my nominators, and is worthy of mention; I am a member of the Episcopal Church, a 32 degree Mason and a Shriner, and yet my nominating speech was made by a Catholic who is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and is a Knight of St. Gregory; I am also a Democrat, and my seconding speech was made by the Republican Governor of my state, and with both of these men traveling 2,000 miles to do these things for me.

Where, my Brothers, except under the great canopy of Elksdom, could such a thing come to pass? And yet we accept these things as matter-of-fact because, in the Order of Elks, that's just what they are. Let's always keep it that way.

Course Charted

Our present leader, Fred L. Bohn, has made a significant contribution to Elksdom's march of progress. His pattern will not be easy to duplicate, but he has outlined the course and paved the way, and we will strive mightily to ensure that the good works of Elksdom carry on—and in the paths he has so ably charted.

There is yet another tribute that I wish to make, and it has been saved until the last because it is the closest to my heart. I not only venture the assertion, but declare it as the fact that no man ever ascended to this high office with a greater display of friendship, devotion, loyalty and unselfish dedication of purpose than I have received, and will forever cherish, from the members of my own lodge and the Elks of my state! To the officers and members of Kearney Lodge No. 984, and to all of you wonderful, wonderful Elks of Nebraska—I salute you with immense pride and a very grateful heart.

Now, my Brothers, we cannot dwell longer on these pleasant accolades and richly-deserved acknowledgments. Elksdom properly pauses, on occasion, to look backward with fond retrospection toward the good deeds, the fine people,

the noteworthy accomplishments, but then we turn, as we must now, toward the important year that lies ahead, and prepare ourselves to fulfill this challenge that we have accepted. And when I say "We", I mean just that, and to include all of us, so that when this record is written, it will be OUR record—yours and mine together.

What about the year that lies ahead, and the imposing challenges that it presents to us? The Order of Elks, with its 1,200,000 members and more than 1,800 Lodges, is definitely big business, but it did not become big business by accident.

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The Elks Magazine, greatest fraternal publication in our nation, cements members with members, lodges with lodges, and states with states, bringing to each a detailed, interesting and most professional report of the news, the activities, the projects and accomplishments of those dedicated thousands of our members who daily practice the Golden Rule.

Our National Home in Bedford, Va., beautifully located, adequately equipped and most efficiently operated, stands not as an institution for the indigent, but as a true Home for our elderly brethren. It should be a source of pride for each of us.

The Elks National Service Commission, with its imposing record of service to our veterans, both during and after hospitalization, will be eloquently portrayed and graphically demonstrated during the course of this Convention. It is an inspiring fulfillment of our pledge, sincerely made, and magnificently performed, that the Elks will never forget our nation's veterans.

The Elks National Foundation generously demonstrates in practical form, in every community and in every walk of life, the true benevolence that is a part of our name and a part of our fraternal

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H. L. BLACKLEDGE

*Kearney, Nebraska, Lodge
No. 984, elected Grand Ex-
alted Ruler on July 15th at
the Grand Lodge Conven-
tion held in San Francisco.*

lives. A most impressive record has already been written, all of it from only the interest accumulations of the fund, and with the fund itself steadily increasing, and with the good works of the Foundation expanding each year in even greater proportion; in this record, all who have contributed may properly take pride, but it should also give us pause when we consider that all of this has been done by too few of our members. Consider the tremendous possibilities that lie within our reach, the vast and untapped resources within each lodge, and the monumental good works that can be done, when the remaining members can be brought into the picture and share with us the joy of giving. This will be, as it always should be, a continuing objective in the year ahead.

All of these good things we do, the tremendous wealth of time, talent and material resources that are unselfishly poured into these good deeds, are prompted by the basic tenets upon which our Order is founded; Belief in God, a fierce love of our country, and a compassionate devotion to the brotherhood of man.

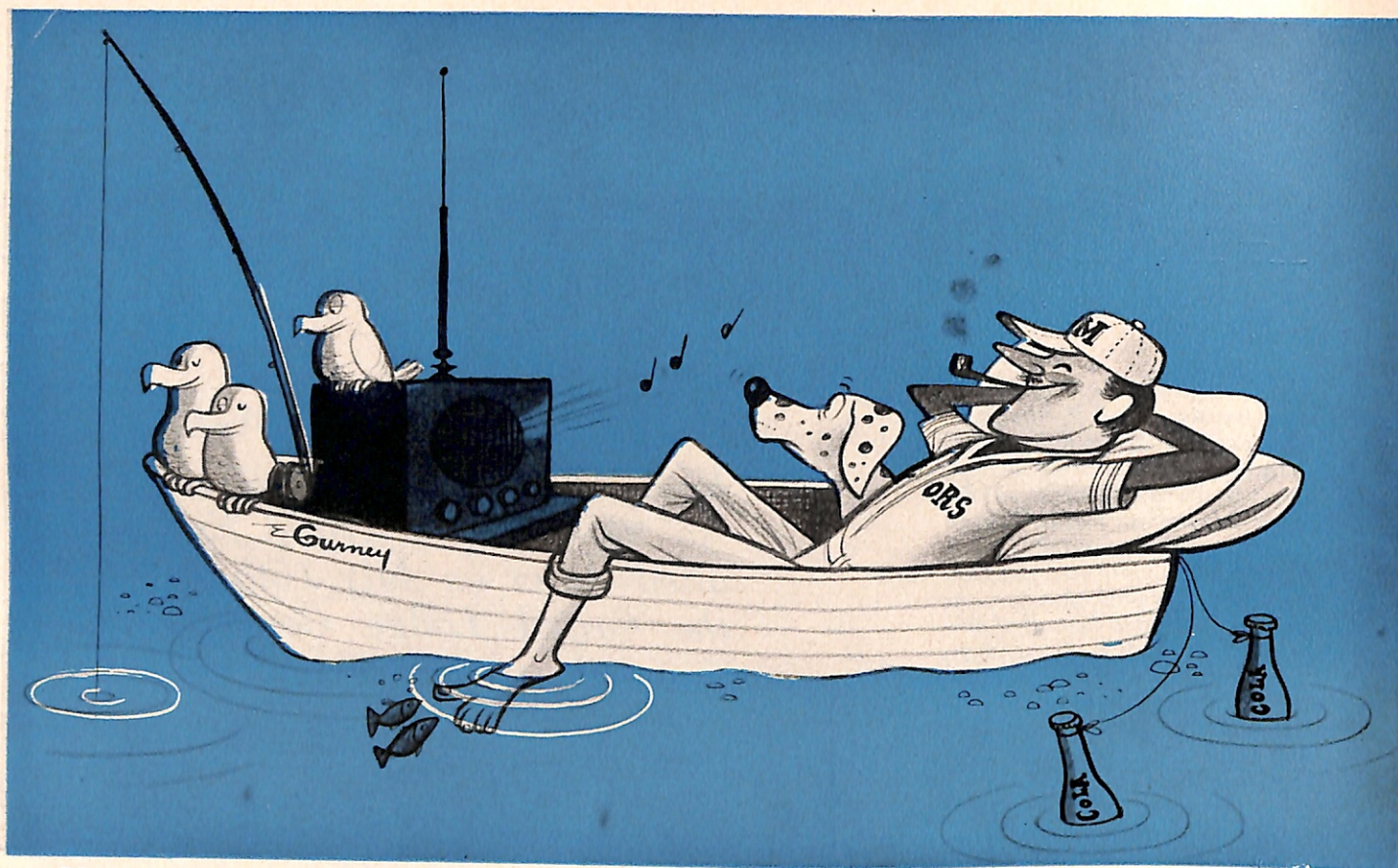
Rewards of Giving

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." And our blessings have been many: a steady increase in membership and in lodges; an ever-widening field of benevolences; a rapidly advancing respect and esteem in the eyes of the nation; an acknowledged position of leadership in patriotic devotion to our country; and, in all our works, humbly acknowledging the omnipotence of God.

But with our great strength, we also have, and must frankly admit, a weakness within our ranks; a weakness that gnaws at our strength, limits our potential, and wastes too much of our effort. I refer to the increasing loss of members each year through lapsation. This loss is all the more insidious because the figures are deceptively smothered in the net gain record that we have enjoyed for so many years. If we initiate 50,000 new members, and at the same time lose 25,000 by lapsation, then can we rightfully take pride in thinking only of those we have gained, or shouldn't we be shamed by the realization of the 25,000 that we once had, and have now lost.

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Players who reach the Big Leagues and stick only five years participate in a most attractive pension plan.

Baseball's Princely Peons

Under the Reserve Clause, ball players average \$13,800 a year.

BY STANLEY FRANK

Illustrated by Eric Gurney

IN RECENT MONTHS baseball fans who should be worrying about their own future security have been stirred to earnest concern for poor, oppressed ballplayers depicted as chattel slaves in the lush vineyards of the major leagues. The House Judiciary Committee, which also has better use for its time and stern attention to injustice, has kicked up the rumpus by investigating organized baseball—again—for violations of federal anti-trust laws.

The target of attack is the reserve clause, which gives a team the sole and exclusive right to hire a player for the rest of his natural athletic life at a salary fixed by the owner. A ball player cannot peddle his services to the highest bidder as in other trades and professions. He works for the team owning his contract and goes wherever it sends him or he doesn't work anywhere in the major and minor leagues. Listening to the loud, misinformed critics of the game, you are led to believe the reserve clause is an intolerable outrage

depriving American youths of the priceless, inalienable heritage to determine their destiny under terms and conditions acceptable to them.

Time out, please. Before examining arguments on both sides of the issue, two important points should be established:

1. The players never have asked for the elimination or even modification of the reserve clause.

2. Owners and officials admit the reserve clause is an infringement of the players' constitutional rights but contend the game cannot exist without it.

"We consider the reserve clause not as a license but as a privilege," says Commissioner Ford C. Frick. "In return for that concession we recognize our obligation to forestall abuses of the system and to protect the players from them. I think we can show we have acted in good faith and that the reserve clause, as it is applied today, is the best safeguard of the player who needs it most—the run-of-the-mill performer."

In effect, baseball says players may be peons—but they are princely peons. The average salary in the two major leagues this season is \$13,800—and that includes plutocrats like Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Mickey Mantle as well as obscure rookies earning the minimum \$6,000 a year. Further, only a handful of kids on big-league rosters now are getting the minimum. It is general practice to give rookies who survive May 15th, the date rosters are reduced to twenty-five players, retroactive raises bringing them up to about \$7,500 a season.

Offhand, we don't know another line of work in which young fellows in their twenties and early thirties average \$13,800 a year. You say that's not a valid observation because an athlete's career is short and he's got to get the dough while the getting is good? That's true, but the theater is another trade where neophytes must make it big in a hurry if they are going to make it at all. The bloom of youth on a girl's pretty face

is as fleeting as the speed in a ball player's legs and, as you probably know, manly figures have a nasty habit of going to pot after thirty. According to the Actors Equity Association's latest survey, performers on Broadway average less than \$800 a year.

Good salaries for middling-to-middie players are only one of the rewards baseball offers. Men who reach the big leagues and stick only five years now participate in the most attractive pension plan in the country. Players, coaches and trainers with twenty years of service are eligible for pensions up to \$550 a month and men who were in the big-time only five years collect \$175 a month at sixty-five. Actually, those payments will be boosted tremendously within five years by receipts from the \$3,250,000 received annually from radio and TV for broadcasting the World Series.

Sixty per cent of the broadcasting jackpot, or \$1,950,000 a year, goes to the players' pension fund. Another \$50,000 a year is realized from the All-Star game. It is entirely possible that ten-year veterans eventually will get \$1,000 a month at sixty-five as annual contributions and interest on capital swell the pension fund. The players themselves pay only \$340 a year into the fund.

That's only half the story. Other lush benefits already are in effect. Every major-leaguer gets free hospitalization for himself and his entire family throughout the year. If he throws his arm out of whack reaching for a beer in December, if his wife has a baby or his child



Every major leaguer gets free hospitalization for himself and family.

has a tonsillectomy, the fund pays all his doctor and hospital bills. He gets a free \$20,000 life insurance policy. When he leaves baseball he is entitled to disability benefits up to \$250 a month for life. After his death his widow will receive full monthly pension payments for ten years.

Under the circumstances, a proud father who knocks himself out sending his boy through college and maybe professional school is going to an awful lot of unnecessary effort and expense. Teach your boy how to hit or throw a curve ball and he'll have it made for life. You can't beat the hours, the occupation is pleasant and the pay and pension are beyond the average working stiff's dreams of avarice.

Now the gentlemen who own the sixteen major-league franchises may be splendid fellows, but they are essentially businessmen. Although eleven are wealthy enough to regard baseball as a hobby rather than a necessary source of income, millionaires don't get that way throwing around big salaries and taking an extraordinarily paternalistic attitude toward the sweaty slaves. In many respects it would be harder to find a group of men who are less progressive than the baseball owners.

Then why have the moguls been so generous in acceding to the players' demands for a steadily increasing wage scale and surrendering such a large share of the TV World Series loot to sweeten the pension fund? The answer is quite simple. They have been preparing for the day they are forced to defend the reserve clause in court. They know it cannot be justified under a strict interpretation of the law. They have been building up a case to demonstrate that ball players have not suffered by giving up the right to choose employers under the reserve clause. That vital point must be proved if the Supreme Court is to lend a sympathetic ear to the owners' contention that elimination of the reserve clause will stifle competition on the field and destroy the structure of the game.

The process began way back in 1921, when Kenesaw Mountain Landis was appointed the first commissioner of baseball. His greatest contributions to baseball have been overshadowed in the public mind by two lesser achievements. He was hailed as a fearless U.S. District Judge in 1907, when he slapped a fine of \$29,240,000 on the Standard Oil Company of Indiana for accepting rebates from railroads on shipments. (The verdict later was reversed by a higher court.) After the disclosure of the Black Sox scandal in 1920, Landis was engaged to prosecute the culprits and restore the fans' confidence in the game. He did a sound job of convinc-

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Loops below Class A would fold without major league support.

News of the STATE ASSOCIATIONS

New York Elks Present \$20,050 in Scholarships

Meeting at Albany, delegates to the 45th Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Assn. elected Frank H. McBride of Middletown as President and reelected Treasurer Claude Y. Cushman of Binghamton and Secy. Wm. R. L. Cook of Queens Borough. To serve as Vice-Presidents are Joseph J. Ferlo, Rome; Albert M. Hansen, White Plains; Robert M. Smith, Kingston; Carroll W. Barnes, Ogdensburg; Allen Bush, Lowville; Perry S. Miller, Saratoga; Leon C. Hogg, Elmira; Franklin G. Edwards, Great Neck; John J. Morton, Olean, and Laverne E. Starkweather, Albion. Elected on this occasion to serve as Trustees of the organization are Wm. J. Rowan, Poughkeepsie; G. R. Weigand, Elmira; G. J. Balbach, Queens Borough, and A. G. Kreiss, Newark.

On May 18th, closing day of the three-day session, these officers were

installed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall who was honored by 700 persons at a testimonial dinner at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan served as Chairman and Toastmaster. This event was preceded by the presentation of \$20,050 in scholarship awards for 52 students of the State. Judge Hallinan presided at these ceremonies, during which Associate Judge Charles W. Froessel of the New York Court of Appeals delivered an inspiring address to the scholarship winners and their parents.

Other Convention features included the initiation of a class of 60 candidates in honor of retiring Pres. Francis P. Hart, a luncheon and fashion show for the ladies and, on the final day, a moving Memorial Service and a colorful patriotic parade. Norwich won first-place honors in the Ritualistic Contest, with Rome and Lockport in second and third place, respectively, and Schenectady, Endicott and Amsterdam finished in that order in the golf tournament

participated in by more than 200 Elks.

This organization voted to hold its 1958 annual reunion in Buffalo on May 16th, 17th and 18th.

Sixth TB Unit Donated by Elks of Kentucky

Meeting at Owensboro May 23rd, 24th and 25th, the delegates to the Kentucky Elks Assn. Convention voted to purchase the sixth Mobile Tuberculosis Unit they have donated to the State Health Dept. The cost of the unit will be between \$1,600 and \$1,700.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner attended all business sessions and was the principal speaker of the Convention during which Louisville Lodge won the 11-team State Ritualistic competition.

John A. Koskinen of Ashland won the \$400 Elks National Foundation Scholarship and Miss Joyce A. Wood of Princeton received the Assn.'s \$400 award, with Miss Iralyn V. Fearn of that city honored as Youth Leader.

The delegates, who voted to meet next year at Covington, saw a sound motion picture made at the Veterans TB Hospital at Outwood, which depicts the work done there by the Elks National Service Commission through the Kentucky Assn. Outwood is one of the four Veterans Hospitals of Kentucky where the Elks give monthly entertainment programs.

Many pleasant social activities were enjoyed by the delegates and their wives, and the following were elected to head the organization for the coming



Grand Est. Loyal Knight Thad Eure, fourth from left, presents the No. Carolina trophy for outstanding Elks National Foundation work to Salisbury Lodge's Committee Chairman Robert Jones. Looking on are, left to right, Salisbury P.E.R. E. J. Lewis, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, Salisbury E.R. Clyde W. Earp and P.D.D. George Rike.



Louisiana Ritualistic Champions of Baton Rouge are E.R. J. L. Lucas, Est. Lead. Knight L. J. Alonzo, Loyal Knight H. G. Strain, Lect. Knight J. J. Eichelberger, Esq. A. J. Hart, Chaplain T. J. Duhon, Jr., Inner Guard R. M. Cointment and (not pictured) Tiler L. T. Flanner.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, second from left, foreground, is greeted on his arrival for the Florida Elks Assn. Convention at Orlando by Grand Trustee W. A. Wall, left, and E.R. Charles S. Brown, right, and P.E.R. John W. Morgan of the host lodge.



Guy A. Rich, left, newly elected President of the New Hampshire Elks Assn., accepts the gavel from Past Pres. Carl A. Savage, center, as retiring Pres. Lucien Langelier looks on.

year: Pres. Stephen Banahan, Lexington; 1st Vice-Pres. Wm. C. Wilson, Henderson; 2nd Vice-Pres. Joe Biancke, Cynthia; 3rd Vice-Pres. James Polsgrove, Louisville, and Secy.-Treas. Geo. M. Rock, Paducah. Trustees are J. P. Ratcliffe, Ashland; Charles Vandeveld, Paducah, and Ernest DeSoto, Louisville.

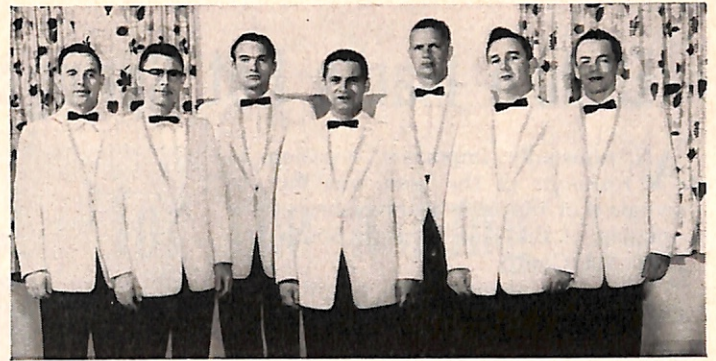
Fayetteville Is Host to Arkansas Delegates

Approximately 300 Elks and their ladies were guests of Fayetteville Lodge May 18th and 19th during the Springtime Convention of the Arkansas Elks.

Dignitaries on hand included Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James and Special Representative Floyd Brown of the Elks National Service Commission. Also on hand were D.D.'s John Davis and Charles Lilly.

E.R. Thomas Phillips of the host lodge presided at the Association banquet on the 18th, following which Mr. James delivered a well phrased address. In the Ritualistic competition Texarkana Lodge won the Earl James Trophy for

Right: Oklahoma State Ritualistic Champions are these Stillwater Lodge officers, left to right, Chaplain Jack Shanklin, All-State Est. Loyal Knight Gene Noonan, Est. Lect. Knight M. D. Childress, E.R. Wm. E. Ragsdale, All-State Esq. T. N. Harris, All-State Est. Lead. Knight W. D. Brown and Inner Guard William McCollom.



the third time, gaining permanent possession. Mr. James will furnish another trophy next year.

The delegates accepted the invitation of North Little Rock Elksdom to hold the Fall Meeting of the Assn. there, and elected the following officers: Pres. Harry O. Peebles, Eureka Springs; 1st Vice-Pres. James I. Malham, Brinkley; 2nd Vice-Pres. Victor Wilder, North Little Rock; Treas. Vindle Swafford, Texarkana; Secy. Sam Milazzo, Texarkana, and Trustee James H. Webb, Hot Springs.

Record Attendance at Illinois Convention

A record 1,504 persons registered for the Illinois Elks Assn. Convention in Springfield May 24th, opening the three-day meeting at which retiring

Pres. George F. Thornton presided. Effingham Lodge was declared winner of the Ritualistic Contest in which seven teams competed for the handsome trophy presented for the Assn. by State Ritualistic Chairman Homer L. Fry.

Past Pres. Wm. S. Wolf installed the new officers for the year, Pres. Eugene W. Schnierle, Harrisburg; Vice-Pres.-at-Large Stewart Strain, Kankakee; Dist. Vice-Presidents R. O. Steinhour, Lincoln; R. J. Campbell, Blue Island; S. K. Watt, Moline; H. E. Mellor, Cairo; O. C. Macy, Mattoon; C. W. Lybarger, Granite City, and D. C. Casey, Canton. Trustees are W. E. O'Hara, Streator; R. B. Nemec, Cicero-Berwyn; Monte Hance, Rock Island; D. W. Evers, Salem; Robert Stofer, Charleston; Walter Boekenkroeger, East St. Louis, and Wendell Smith, Macomb. Also installed was Past Pres. Albert W. Arnold of Lincoln, who began his 17th term as State Assn. Secy.

The report that Illinois had contributed nearly \$40,000 to the Elks National Foundation was hailed with satisfaction, and State Chairman William A. Lauer announced that his committee had spent \$14,000 during the year to bring cheer and comfort to

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STATE ASSOCIATION CONVENTIONS

| STATE | PLACE | DATE |
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| Virginia | Roanoke | Aug. 10-11-12-13 |
| Pennsylvania | Pittsburgh | Aug. 18-19-20-21 |
| West Virginia | Clarksburg | Aug. 22-23-24 |
| *Nebraska | McCook | Sept. 7-8 |
| Tennessee | Chattanooga | Sept. 12-13-14 |
| *Wisconsin | Kenosha | Sept. 21-22 |
| Colorado | Denver | Sept. 26-27-28 |
| *Indiana | Indianapolis | Sept. 28-29 |
| *Seasonal Conferences | | |



The 52 students who received \$20,050 in scholarships from the New York State Assn. are pictured with some of their benefactors, including

Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, center row, sixth and seventh from left, respectively.

ADDRESS OF GRAND EXALTED RULER H. L. BLACKLEDGE: Elks Home, Kearney, Nebraska
ADDRESS OF GRAND SECRETARY LEE A. DONALDSON: Elks National Memorial Building, 2750 Lake View Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

Elkdom Marks Hot Springs, S. D., VA Center's 50th Year

AN unusually important occasion to residents of the area was the observance of the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Hot Springs, South Dakota, VA Center.

Originally planned as a hospital "for the treatment of members of the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers", the Center is now both a hospital and domiciliary. After World War I, answering a need for veterans homes, as well as for a general medical and surgical hospital in the area, plans for the construction of such a hospital were initiated by the Veterans Bureau, since incorporated into the Federal agency known as the Veterans Administration.

The celebration, held in connection with Hospital Day, was sponsored by the Elks National Service Commission in collaboration with the members of Hot Springs Lodge No. 1751.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, a member of the Commission, was the featured speaker on the program, sharing the podium with Dr. Einar C. Andreassen, Area Medical Director, St. Paul, Minn.; Acting Manager Dr. C. Dexter Lufkin, and Mayor William Dumke.

In his address, Mr. Kyle warned against the evils of subversion and treason, emphasizing the fact that we must not take our liberty for granted.

Commending the VA for the great service provided for veterans at 173 hospitals now in operation, Mr. Kyle also commented on the fine programs his Order is putting on regularly at all these hospitals. In this connection, he



The Men's Chorus of the Hot Springs Lions Club, under the direction of Prof. Gail Hilgenberg, assisted the Elks in making the observance of the Center's 50th Anniversary a success.

lauded the splendid work which has been done by George Dickens, Chairman of the Hot Springs Elks Hospital Committee for the past six years, and Assistant Manager of the Hot Springs VA Center. Mr. Dickens, who presided at this impressive program, has just retired after a 35-year career in government service, 12 of which were spent with the Veterans Administration.

Among the special guests at this event were former Governor Leslie Jensen, E.R. Miles Inman of Hot Springs Lodge, Paul Howard, Business Manager of the West River Crippled Children's Hospital and Polio Center and of Lutheran Hospital, Supt. Loyd Ballard of the State Soldiers' Home and Sisters Trinita

and Pauline of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

South Dakota's U.S. Senators Francis Case and Karl Mundt were represented, respectively, by R. P. Harmon and Duane McDowell, while State Sen. F. E. Manning was on hand to represent Gov. Joe Foss. Badger Clark, South Dakota's poet laureate and son of the Center's first Chaplain, was also introduced.

Music was provided by the Hot Springs Lions Club Chorus and the VAVS orchestra directed by Clayton Bennett. Msgr. John F. O'Hara delivered the invocation, singing was under the direction of Rev. Peter Dahlberg of the Assembly of God Church and Chaplain St. Clair Vannix gave the benediction.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle, pictured on the podium at the Hot Springs, S. D., VA Center as he delivered the featured address during the Elk-sponsored celebration of the Center's Golden Jubilee.

LODGE PUBLICITY—for the asking

By JOHN H. WHORIC
News Editor of The Daily Courier
Connellsville, Pa.

WHAT'S the editor got against us? Just look at that big front page spread he gave to the Eagles (maybe it's the Moose, Knights of Columbus, Masons, Odd Fellows, Juniors, etc.). When it's about the Elks, we're stuck on some back page and you can hardly see it."

Unusual remark from a brother officer or a member of the fraternal organization with which you are affiliated? Did you ever wonder why it seems to be true? And, if so, did you ever try to find out why?

We in the newspaper business have been tempted from time to time to blow our stack at some of the unfair criticism that has been leveled at us. However, after we were in receipt of a letter from Fred L. Bohn of Zanesville, Ohio, Grand Exalted Ruler, warmly praising us for the outstanding publicity that was accorded Connellsville Lodge No. 503 in connection with his visit to that lodge and about its extensive renovation program and community interest, we decided it was time to explain and, therefore, wrote this article.

Without any question, Connellsville Lodge within the past three years has received more favorable front page publicity than any lodge within this district and probably more than it has received in any decade in its more than half a century of existence. Why? The answer is simple. You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar whether it's in the

East, West, Midwest, North, South or Southwest.

We can recall over the years when a publicity chairman would telephone with a news release and say, "You can use it if you want, or just throw it in your wastepaper basket if you like." It seems to me that negative attitude calls for only one answer—the wastepaper basket. If I take the time to pass on a bit of news, I'd at least ask the editor to see if he can make use of any part of it. When you say that it doesn't make any difference to you or the lodge whether it's used or not, then you have merely killed off whatever value the item might have. Surely, if you don't care if an item is printed or not, why should the editor? He has a lot more news than he can print and has to eliminate a veritable flood. When he uses your releases, don't damn or condemn him, but appreciate his cooperation and tell him so.

Why the successful publicity campaign of Connellsville Lodge? First of all, let me say that it's the kind that can't be bought. We've never printed any advertisements on the front page in our fifty-five years of existence as a daily newspaper and press agent releases are usually buried deep inside under small headings. The Elks got those blazing headlines on the front page, frequently with pictures, at no cost. Those stories told about the fine things that the lodge has been and is doing, creating a natural interest in its activities and undoubtedly arousing a desire on the part of a non-member to become a part.

When James E. Goddard became Exalted Ruler three years ago he appointed Aloysius J. Shutsy as chairman of publicity. Shutsy made it his business to contact the news editor of The Connellsville "Courier" (that's the author of this yarn) and asked what and how he should perform his duties to help the lodge. He learned at first hand that the staff of a small town newspaper is small, and coverage by a reporter of all activities is impossible. However, he was told he could count on it for something unusual (we personally covered the visit of Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn). Shutsy would jot down notes with a typewriter and turn them into the news-



paper several days before a scheduled meeting, or several weeks in advance of something as important as the Grand Exalted Ruler's visit and the lodge's renovation program. He learned that there are days when there's a flood of front page news that might crowd his lodge item off the front page, but that the leeway made it possible for the editor to use his own discretion and print the article the day it could get the biggest spread.

Any time any activity was "in the wind," Shutsy, who is now Exalted Ruler, would contact the editor who'd tell him how to cover the story with the greatest effect. This teamwork was to the lodge's advantage. The editor didn't have a personal interest in the Elks because he's not a member of any fraternal organization, so can't be accused of prejudice in favor of any. However, he has a community pride in things worthwhile done by any organization and would much rather print a story about a scholarship program, youth recognition, etc., than something sensational.

Newspaper publicity is yours for the asking. It's the kind that you can't buy. Plan a fine program of achievements and then have your local newspaper present it to your fellow citizens. Consult your editor. He'll take time to talk it over with you. You'll have a pleasant experience and a surprising story to tell. The greater respect the community has for the B.P.O.E., the more important the role of the lodge officers and membership. You and your lodge can do as well, if you'd only try.



News

OF THE LODGES



This photograph was taken during the memorable Armed Forces Day celebration at Tacoma, Wash., Lodge with a star-studded guest list of seven Generals and other military officers.

Armed Forces Day Marked by Tacoma, Wash., Elks

One of the most inspiring meetings conducted by Tacoma Lodge No. 174 was its celebration of Armed Forces Day when seven Generals and several other military officers were guests, and joined their hosts in enjoying an outstanding all-soldier entertainment program.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and Mayor John Anderson, P.E.R., joined E.R. Swan Johnson and other members of the lodge in welcom-

ing the impressive list of guests, who included Philippine Scout Captain Caluques who holds the Congressional Medal of Honor; General Swartz, Commander at Madigan Hospital; General Wehle of the 4th Artillery Division; General Steinback, Deputy Commander at Fort Lewis; General Quinn, Commanding General, 4th Inf., Fort Lewis; General Puryear, Commanding General at McChord Air Force Base; General Stevens of the National Guard; Lt.-Gen. Robert N. Young of the 6th Army Command in San Francisco; Lt. Col. D. D. Wyckoff, USMC Commander, and Capt. Lugibihl of the U. S. Naval Depot, representing Admiral Bledsoe.

Sgt. Wayne M. Gregg was Chairman of his lodge's outstanding program, at which a military glee club and other talented army personnel entertained.

New Addition to Home for Harrisonburg, Va., Elks

A two-day program marked the dedication of the new \$50,000 addition to the home of Harrisonburg Lodge No. 450. The officers of the host lodge conducted the ritual, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and all officers of the Virginia State Elks Assn. were on hand. Mr. Walker delivered an inspiring address on various Elk activities, including the splendid progress of Harrisonburg Elksdom. He emphasized in laudatory terms the membership control and increase of this lodge which, for the second consecutive year, has a 100 per cent paid-up membership, with not one member dropped for nonpayment of dues.

Social activities celebrating this pro-

gram included a tea dance and cocktail hour on the afternoon preceding the dedication, and a buffet dinner and dance in the evening.

New Jersey Welcomes a Lodge at South River

With D.D. Harrison S. Barnes in charge, South River Lodge No. 2033 was instituted at special ceremonies when Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick was the guest speaker.

Mayor Walter H. Schack welcomed the large crowd of visitors to this event at which retiring E.R. T. M. Brenner and officers of the sponsoring New Brunswick Lodge initiated a class of 224 candidates who were escorted by the Drill Team of Elizabeth Lodge.

Mr. Barnes was assisted by a team of P.D.D.'s of the area, and State Assn. Pres. Dr. Louis Hubner, who handled the installation of E.R. Peter Siemons and his officers, also received the cooperation of an impressive list of former Deputies and other dignitaries of the State.

Oxnard, Calif., Elks Review 35-Year Record

Emphasizing the importance of the work for cerebral-palsy victims that the California Elks are doing, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis was a forceful speaker at the celebration of the 35th Anniversary of Oxnard Lodge No.



On behalf of Natchitoches, La., Lodge, Junior P.E.R. Giles W. Millspaugh, Jr., right, presents a plaque to Phillip Haley, Capt. of the nearby Belmont High School basketball team during a banquet held by the lodge in the team's honor. Louisiana's schools are classed as to attendance (AAA, AA, A, B and C). Belmont's enrollment is 26 boys, 12 of whom are on the basketball squad, and is therefore in Class C. The team has won the Class C Championship for two years and in the past season won 71 of the 72 games they played against teams in all classes, their defeat being at the hands of a Triple A group.



South River, N. J., Lodge, No. 2033,

Right: Photographed at the annual scholarship banquet given by Oklahoma City, Okla., Lodge at Oklahoma City University were, left to right, top row, Jack Howard, George Routon, Nancy Dunlap, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, Glenda Chappell, Eddie Mainbourg and Vianna Huston. Lower row, Roy Beavers, Joan Stubbs, Committee Chairman Charles Tabor, Mary Lasseater, Mary Harwood, and Co-Chairman Harold Cheney. Parents and senior high school principals were on hand to hear Mr. James and Dean George Ryden speak. This program, inaugurated with four students six years ago, has been increased to ten, each of whom receives the University's \$400 charge annually.



Left: These officers, headed by E.R. Donald O. Shetron, center foreground, of Norwich Lodge, which holds the 1957 N. Y. State Ritualistic Title, were selected from the 12 lodges of the South Central District of the State to conduct the initiation of a class of 20 candidates for the lodges of the area, held at the home of Binghamton Lodge.

1443 whose home he dedicated six years ago. In his address he spoke highly of Adolfo Camarillo, a Trustee of the lodge since its inception, at the program attended by 400 members, gathered to pay tribute to the lodge's Charter Members.

This part of the observance followed a barbecue at which 800 Elks were entertained, by a capable crew of Elks headed by P.E.R. Alvin Diedrich.

E.R. Walter Schreiner welcomed the crowd on Charter Member Night for which P.E.R. J. Robert Doud was Chairman and Charter Member H. M. Borchard, P.E.R., was Master of Ceremonies. State Pres. Owen Keown and Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee also addressed the guests, among whom was Grand Esquire Vincent H.

Grocott, former State Assn. President.

The marking of this anniversary was given extensive publicity in several editions of the Oxnard *Press-Courier* whose editor and publisher, George Grimes, as well as his sons, Thomas and Lee Grimes, are devoted members of Oxnard Lodge. In their special Anniversary Edition, the Grimes family gave coverage not only to the many splendid activities of their own lodge, but to the numerous worthwhile projects of California Elkdom and the Order in general.

Dr. Barrett Attends Essex, Md., Elk Event

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert South Barrett, who was mainly responsible for the institution of the lodge in 1952, was a special guest of Essex (Bal-

timore) Lodge No. 1866 when its new \$40,000 home was dedicated recently. Pres. Claude S. Martin of the Md., Dela. and D. C. Elks Assn., was the principal speaker and Baltimore County Executive Michael J. Birmingham, a member of the Order, was also introduced by host E.R. H. L. Patterson.

D.D. Charles L. Mobley conducted the dedication ceremony with the assistance of D.D. Lloyd Pahlman and other officials of Towson and Essex Lodges, including P.D.D. Edgar J. DeMoss.

Raymond W. Stone was Chairman of the Building Committee, and P.E.R. Byron D. Mattison was General Chairman of the Committee in charge of the interesting two-day program which opened with a bus trip through the Martin Company, and included a dance on the eve of the dedication.



was instituted under the guidance of D.D. Harrison S. Barnes, center foreground, with 224 Charter Members, pictured with their officers.

LODGE NOTES

During his winters in California, 54-year Harrisburg, Pa., Elk Joe Berrier has been a frequent visitor to Santa Monica Lodge. When he was about to return to the East this year, his host E.R. L. E. Powers appointed him "Good Will Ambassador" of Santa Monica Lodge, with the authority to invite Elks he'd meet in lodges visited on the way home, to be the guests of Santa Monica Elksdom. One of those to welcome Ambassador Berrier was outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn at Zanesville, Ohio.

The May 19th edition of the News-Tribune of Rome, Ga., carried a very interesting and complete story of the Georgia State Elks Assn. Convention of 1907. Under the heading, "Fifty Years Ago in Rome", the detailed account reported 500 delegates to that meeting.

More than 400 Western Massachusetts Elks attended the annual Memorial Day Services at the Elk-on-the-Trail this year. North Adams P.E.R. R. J. Armstrong handled the impressive program at which P.E.R. D. B. Buckley of Chicopee Lodge was Master of Ceremonies and State Pres. John J. Murray made the welcoming address. On hand were D.D. Thomas Gibbons and P.D.D.'s T. A. Julian and J. F. Clarke.

Green Bay, Wis., Lodge mourns the loss of P.E.R. H. A. Sharpe, 78, active since 1908. An Honorary Life Member, he had been a lodge Trustee and Chairman of its Scholarship Committee since 1936. He had also served 12 years as Scholarship Chairman of his State Assn. Deeply respected in his community, Mr. Sharpe was the subject of a moving editorial in the local paper, which praised his fine character and many Elk activities. He is survived by his wife, four sisters and a brother.

We hear from Otto A. Zange, a P.E.R. of McKees Rocks, Pa., Lodge and its first initiate after its Charter was closed, that he and Mrs. Zane celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 26th.

Committee Chairman Dick Manley of Buckhead (Atlanta), Ga., Lodge reports a very successful Visitation Day at "Aidmore", the Georgia Elks' outstanding crippled children's hospital. Among the dignitaries on hand were Grand Lodge Committeeman Robert Pruitt, Chairman of the "Aidmore" Trustees, and officials of Cartersville and Marietta Lodges.



Lima, Ohio, Lodge set two records when it welcomed this class of 44 candidates in honor of 1956-57 State Pres. Herschel J. Deal, sixth from left, second row. It gave the lodge over 2,000 members and was the year's largest State Association President's Class in the State.



This group of candidates, the largest in the history of Martinsville, Ind., Lodge, was initiated at its new home as a tribute to Herbert E. Chambers, E.R. of the lodge for three terms.



On the stage of the auditorium of Central Catholic High School when Grand Island, Neb., Lodge presented an American Flag for each classroom and a large Flag for the auditorium were, left to right, foreground, E.R. R. G. Sprague, Trustees H. E. Hallstead, P.E.R., and County Supt. of Schools Eldon Cunningham, P.E.R., Student Council Pres. Roger Melkus, Trustees M. L. Ranslem, P.E.R., and Bill Hight, and Rev. Fr. James Naughtin, school principal. At rear are the class officers.

At right is the first class of candidates to be initiated into Stillwater, Okla., Lodge since it took possession of its fine new \$50,000 headquarters.



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Two-Year Program Adds 13 New York Lodges

HISTORY was made recently in New York State when five new lodges were instituted within a two-month period. This quintet of neophyte Elkdom brought the total to 13 new lodges for the State in the two-year program adopted as a major project during the regime of State Pres. Franklin J. Fitzpatrick.

In the first year of concentrated effort, Ellenville, Hamburg, Endicott, Babylon-Bay Shore and Elmont Lodges came into existence, and Past State Pres. James A. Gunn, Grand Lodge Auditing Committee Chairman and Chairman of the New Lodges Committee of the State Assn., co-ordinated the efforts that resulted in the institution of Greece, Cheektowaga, Red Hook-Rhinebeck, Gouverneur, Smithtown, Cobleskill, Pearl River and Riverhead Lodges.

The Committee, which was closely counselled by Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, credits the success of the program to the application of a fundamental business procedure. In pursuing population shifts to newly settled areas, merchants and business organizations bring their products and services to the new residents for their convenience; schools and churches are established with the same purpose. Local civic pride in its community is strong, and people are usually receptive to an Elks lodge which reflects their own interests. These same people might not be inclined to affiliate with a lodge which did not offer this basic inducement.

With one exception, the last five additions to Empire State Elksdom were instituted by Mr. Gunn. The first, Gouverneur Lodge No. 2035, came into being on April 25th under the aegis of Ogdensburg Lodge whose officers initiated its 202 Charter Members. D.D. Edward A. Burns and North Dist. officials assisted and Watertown Elk leaders installed the first officers. Retiring State Pres. F. P. Hart, Vice-Pres. Theodore Ryan and Past Pres. B. A. Harkness addressed the new Elks.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan witnessed the institution of Smithtown Lodge No. 2036 on May 5th under the dual sponsorship of Patchogue and Huntington Lodges. Mr. Gunn and Mr. Fitzpatrick, with S.E. Dist. officers, conducted the institution, while Patchogue officials initiated 425 Charter Members and Huntington Elks installed the officers. Present were State Vice-Pres. R. A. Fisher, D.D. G. H. Meyer and P.D.D. Frank Crowitz.

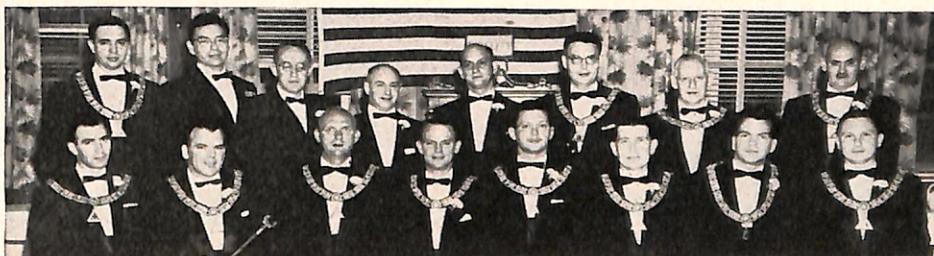
The 150 Charter Members of Cobleskill Lodge No. 2040, instituted on May 26th by Mr. Gunn, P.D.D. J. Harold Furlong and N.E. Dist. P.E.R.'s were sponsored by Schenectady Lodge with



Gouverneur Lodge receives its Charter, held by State Committee Chairman James A. Gunn, standing center, with E.R. G. M. Coughler on his left and retiring State Pres. F. P. Hart on his right. Others include lodge officers, D.D. E. A. Burns and State Chaplain Rev. Msgr. F. P. Diviney.

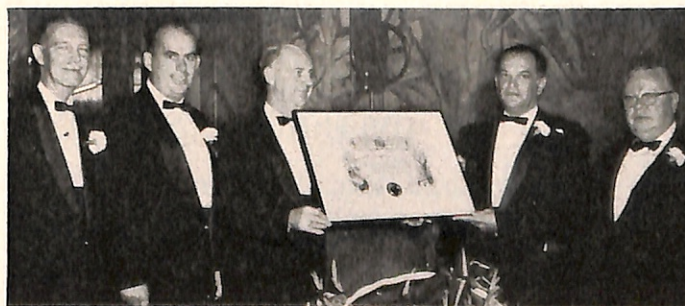


E.R. Irving Kahn, pictured center, with officers and Trustees of the new lodge at Smithtown.



Pearl River Lodge's Charter Officers, led by E.R. Paul Moltke, fourth from left, foreground.

At the Cobleskill institution, left to right, Treas. James Buckingham, Est. Lead. Knight Edward Kaus, Mr. Gunn, E.R. W. A. Winckler and P.D.D. J. Harold Furlong.

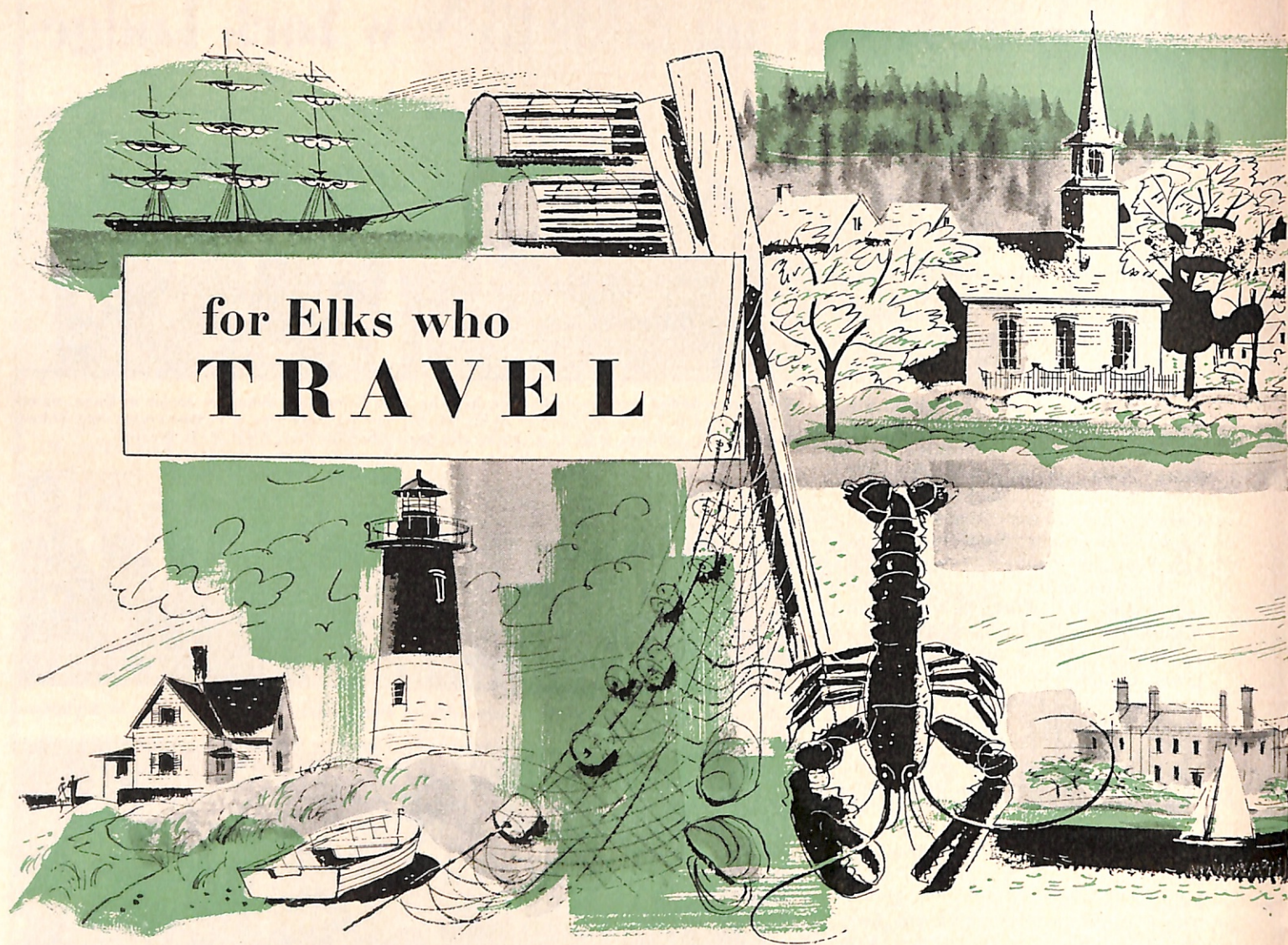


the installation handled by P.D.D. Dr. Wm. R. Eger. Assisting were D.D. J. Wm. Healy, newly elected State Pres. F. H. McBride, Past Pres. John J. Sweeney, Vice-Pres. P. S. Miller, Trustees Chairman P. A. Buchheim and many other dignitaries.

Pearl River Lodge No. 2041 began its career on June 2nd with State Pres. McBride officiating, assisted by D.D. John F. Schoonmaker and East Central Dist. officers. Participating in this program were State Vice-Pres. R. M. Smith and Louis Van Derberg. Its 110 Charter Members were initiated by the Port Jervis Elk leaders, and the first panel of

officers installed by leaders of the sponsoring Haverstraw Lodge.

Assisted by Mr. Crowitz and S.E. Dist. officers, Mr. Gunn brought Riverhead Lodge No. 2044 into being on June 23rd when officials of the sponsoring Southampton and Patchogue Lodges handled the initiation. The 247 Charter Members, including about 40 dimitts, elected Seth A. Hubbard, former E.R. of Southampton Lodge, as their first leader, and he and his fellow officers were installed by a group of Southampton Lodge officials. Others taking part in this program included State Pres. McBride and Past Pres. Fitzpatrick.



for Elks who TRAVEL

New England in late summer offers seashore and mountains—and good food in abundance

BY HORACE SUTTON

OF ALL THE NEW ENGLAND STATES, Connecticut, for the New Yorker, anyway, is a place to eat. The country inns that dot the Nutmeggers' countryside are often like the inns that speckle the rolling green meadowlands of England, or the multi-starred restaurants that are folded away in the most unusual places in France. But beyond the elegance of Stonehenge, or the famed waterfall at Cobb's Mill Inn, or the antique bric-a-brac at Silvermine, or the handy sanctuary called the Red Barn just off the Merritt Parkway, Connecticut is not what you would call a resort state. It hasn't broad beaches or tall mountains or large hotels. But lately it has developed one attraction that bears mention and that is Mystic, the old salt's nautical museum between the old whaling center of Stonington and the old finishing center of Groton.

Mystic itself was a whaling center of

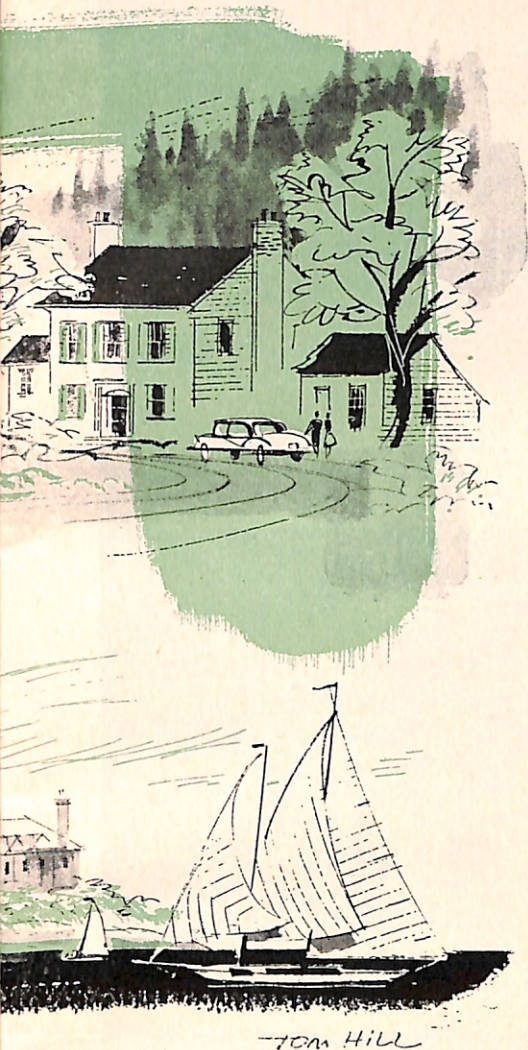
the 1840's and now a group of nautical buffs, by name the Marine Historical Association, have re-created a dockside of its first days and filled its quays with interesting old vessels. Seaport Street purports to be a typical waterfront community of the likes of Salem and New Bedford. It has cobbles and hitching posts and seagulls who bombard the cobbles with tough-to-crack clams. It has a counting house where the whalers banked and the equipment is complete to a carpet bag and a black top hat.

There is even a saloon, typical of the era; it's known as Schaefer's Spouter Tavern and it has on hand a Murphy bed of 1820 vintage, which was long before Murphy. There is a bartender on duty for appearance sake if not for service and the aspect is quite believable except for the purring of a radio which on the day I visited there was dispensing

a play-by-play of the baseball game in Brooklyn.

A carpenter's shop still turns out carved figureheads, and a shipsmith, name of A. J. Peters, who is not a blacksmith at all, still works for Mystic turning out metal parts for the whalers tied up to the docks. Should anything burn thereabouts—the sail loft, the rope walk, the clam shack, or a ship itself, there is always the stalwart equipment of the Old Reliance Fire Dept. which is equipped with an 1837 hand-pumper fire engine that was actually used by the Old Reliance Fire department of Old Mystic.

Connecticut's other big attraction in summer is the American Shakespeare Festival Theater and Academy at Stratford, a strange and voluminous building in a delightful setting by the Housatonic. It is ten minutes from Bridgeport, twenty minutes from New Haven, or an hour and a half from New York. Built, its founders say, for the poetry of Shakespeare, it is an octagonal shape and "an echo of Shakespeare's original theater." It seats 1,550 and its stage is so large it can hold the scenery for four or five productions. The Theater is part



Illustrated by Tom Hill

of an estate of twelve acres stretching along the river bank for more than 1,000 feet. Where the property ends there was once an inlet from the Housatonic where a ship which arrived in 1639 landed colonists from England. One of them brought over the name of Stratford.

Neighboring Massachusetts got more than its share of notoriety this spring when the second version of the Mayflower arrived in port, reminding all Americans of November 21, 1620, when the men of the Pilgrim party drew up the Mayflower Compact. Fifty-one of the original passengers died the first year, but of those who remained, William Bradford became governor and Myles Standish, a sort of secretary of defense. Plymouth is a monument to the Pilgrims, with ladies in Pilgrim dress spinning yarn and yarns, growing herbs and berries to use in dyeing fabrics. The first fort and meeting house has been re-created and sentries in costume are on guard daily through the summer.

Even Henry Hudson called the land of Cape Cod "very sweet." Bartholo-

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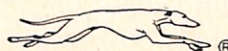


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Kansas City Lodge Makes All-Out Effort for Tornado Relief



ON MAY 20th, at approximately 7:30 p.m., a tornado struck the outskirts of Kansas City, leaving in its wake more than 30 persons dead, over 200 persons injured, and damage to property in millions of dollars. The areas that were struck were thickly populated suburban areas of Kansas City which have been developed during the postwar years.

At the time the tornado struck, confusion in these areas was so great that it was difficult for persons in and about Kansas City to know what to do. Nevertheless, the members of Kansas City Lodge immediately set upon the task of helping persons in distress. The lodge began calling upon its members for clothing, furniture and, in fact, any and every useful item that they could find. A campaign by word of mouth, by telephone, by radio and television was started and within 48 hours a tent was erected on the property of the Ruskin Heights Presbyterian Church, which is located in the heart of the devastated area of the Ruskin Heights development. Within another 24 hours, clothing, furniture, household utensils and other needed items were being channeled to the Kansas City Lodge headquarters, where the ladies of the lodge worked night and day sorting, tagging and arranging the items, so that they might be trucked to the Ruskin Heights tent for distribution.

Brother Nolan J. Hepburn, Chairman of the Kansas City Publicity Committee, reports that members of the lodge left their jobs and spent days and nights in the tent and area, working untiringly in distributing the goods to victims of the tornado damage.

More than 75 per cent of the people who suffered from the tornado were young persons, and, consequently, there were many, many children involved.

The wreckage shown in the photograph above depicts the aftermath of the tornado that left thirty persons dead and more than two hundred injured. Kansas City Lodge is still continuing its efforts to help erase the damage.

Literally, thousands of children's garments were received and distributed.

Brother Ben Hanis, Past Exalted Ruler of Kansas City Lodge and Past State President of the Missouri Elks, contacted Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn and told him of the general type of help needed. Mr. Bohn promptly allocated \$5,000 from the Grand Lodge Fund to Kansas City Lodge for use in relief work. Hearing of the devastation, other neighboring lodges helped to take up the burden. Lawrence and Maryville Lodges immediately made contributions and D. A. Grob, who is a construction contractor in Lawrence, assigned one of his trucks and a driver to the task of collecting clothing and other useful items. Special recognition

should be extended to the Elks Tornado Relief Committee, which was headed by Brother Joseph Leavitt and his co-chairmen, Exalted Ruler Howard Hessel and Past District Deputy Andrew Brown. All three of these Brothers are active businessmen. They left their places of work and spent days and nights in the tent. In this work they were joined by dozens of members and their ladies.

While the immediate emergency has been met, Kansas City Lodge is continuing its efforts, because many of the unfortunate people in the area are still in a semi-state of shock in having lost spontaneously all, or substantially all, of their possessions. Here in Kansas City during this emergency, the principle of charity most certainly was exemplified.



In the photographs above and below are views of the exterior and interior of the tent that Kansas City Lodge erected within 48 hours after the tornado struck its devastating blow to the city.



This photograph was taken at a recent meeting of the Southeast Ohio District Activities Committee at Zanesville and shows Past Exalted Ruler Avery Carpenter, who had just been installed as District Activities Chairman at left, with Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn and Ohio State President James W. Plummer. All three officers are members of Zanesville Lodge.





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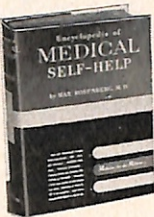
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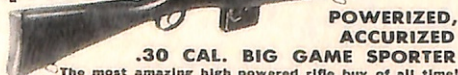
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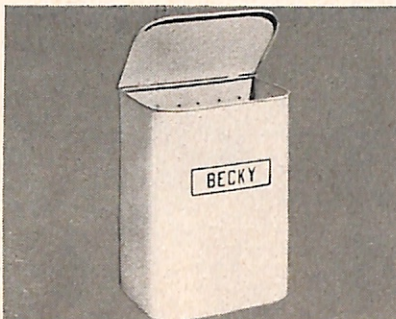
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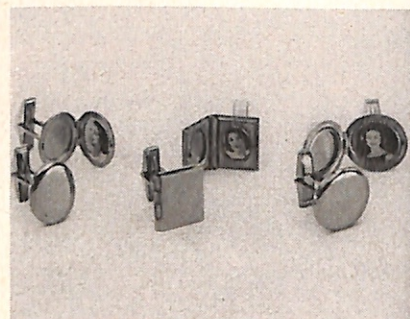
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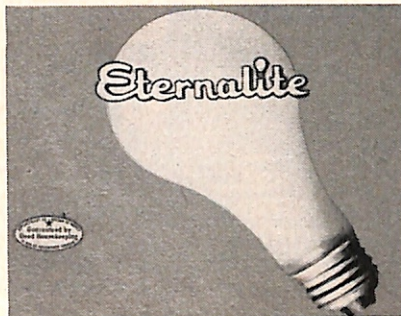
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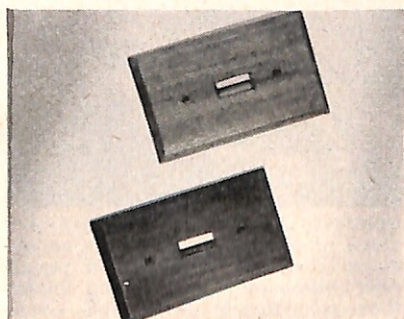
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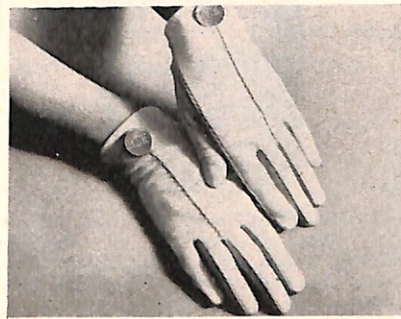
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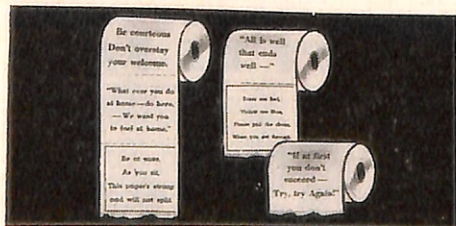
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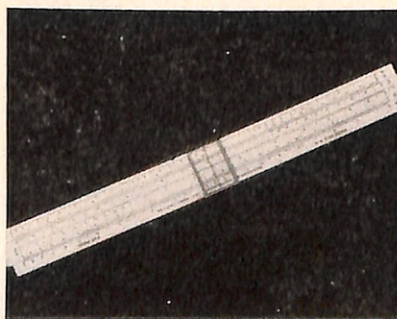
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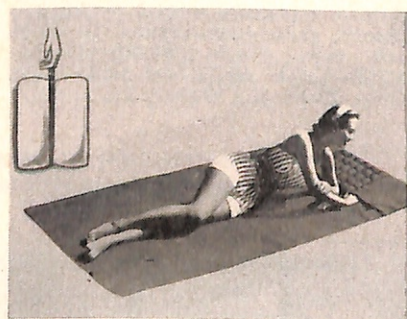
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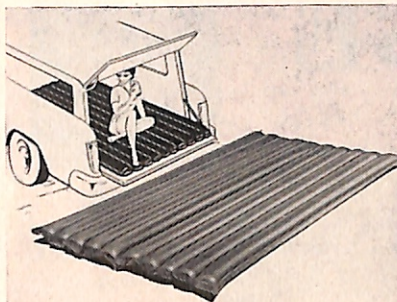


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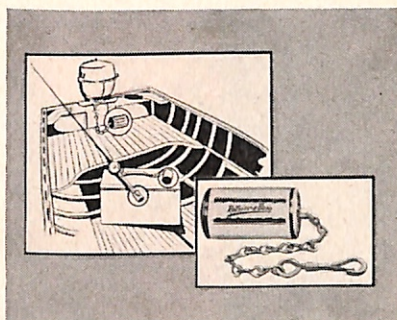
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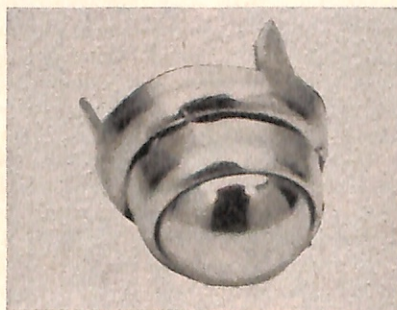
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One of the most interesting dogs, and at the same time most symbolic of his nation, is the English bulldog. Our English cousins like to refer to their bulldog grit, determination and courage and in this who will dispute them? Without doubt the bulldog is most misunderstood of all dogs. To those who don't know the breed, this dog's appearance suggests the utmost in canine ferocity. Actually, that poor pup is as gentle as Mary's proverbial lamb. Time was, however, when the bulldog was a four-legged terror, but those days are long gone. The breed is old, very old. A dog described as a bandog is found in a book written about dogs by a Dr. Caius in 1567. But the Bulldog Club of America in its prelude to its standard for the breed cites as its probable origin this incident—"William Earl Warren, Lord of this town (Stamford) in the reign of King John (1209) saw two bulls fighting... till all the butcher's dogs pursued one of the bulls. This so pleased the Earl that he gave the Castle meadow to the butchers of the town on condition that they find a mad bull six weeks before Christmas for the continuance of that sport forever." The sport was to be-

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This English bulldog typifies important breed points.



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come for many years after in England the cruelty of bullbaiting. For this purpose succeeding generations of dogs by careful selection were bred solely for this purpose. The result was a dog of unlimited courage and aggressiveness and one that had speed and strength too.

The dogs were taught to seize the bull by the nose and to try to bring him to the ground. This they often did. The bull was tethered by rope or chain, which restricted its movement to a large extent. The dogs were encouraged to attack the bull. The dogs eventually reduced the bull to helplessness or killed it, but in the course of such a match many a dog was badly injured or lost its life. It is difficult to imagine a sport as cruel as this, but those ancestors of ours were a pretty hard crowd and life, even human life, was cheap in those early days.

Along with other sadly needed reforms of the 19th Century, bullbaiting was outlawed in England, in 1835 to be exact. The bullbaiting dog was truly a savage animal and his forefathers little resembled the grotesque bulldog of today. The dog of yesterday was a

speedier animal and did not have that deformed pushed-in face seen on the modern dog. Nor did he own the modern bulldog's gentle nature. He very definitely was not a house pet or the splendid guardian and companion for our children that he is known to be today.

It wasn't until about 1650 that the name bulldog was given to the breed. Prior to that the dogs were known severally as bandogs, mastiffs or alaunts. In 1780 the bulldog had a massive head but its legs were not bowed as they are today, nor was the dog so unduly developed in shoulder and chest as he is now. When bullbaiting was declared illegal it seemed that the bulldog's days were numbered and they would have been had not a few breeders so admired the dog that they engaged in a program of breeding to eliminate the savage nature of the dog and yet preserve its courage. The distortion of the dog's face, its over-developed shoulders and chest and its bowed legs, have been the result of man-made efforts to breed a dog that would be unique among all dogs—and they have succeeded, as you'll note the next time you see one of these

dogs or a picture of a standard specimen.

Bulldogs were first exhibited at a dog show in England at Birmingham in 1860. In 1874 the Bulldog Club of England was organized. At that time there were not many of the breed left. For a while, as mentioned, these dogs appeared to be on their way to extinction. To sweeten its disposition the breed was crossed with the pug dog and it is largely from that dog that the bulldog gets his undershot or protruding lower jaw and his bow legs.

There was a time not so long ago when the bulldog as a breed was declining but recent years have seen a small but steady march back to its original popularity. So far, the bulldog's heyday in this country was mostly during the so called Gay Nineties. I recall a young lady relative of mine who for her seventh birthday wanted a diamond ring, a shotgun and a bulldog. She got the dog and the ring she collected some years

later. Being well along in life today she no longer feels the need for a gun.

In 1956 there were 3,863 bulldogs shown at bench and specialty shows throughout the United States. For those who are reading "In The Doghouse" for the first time I'll again explain that a bench show is the usual formal dog show, the specialty show is one limited to a single breed or group. A group is an official American Kennel Club classification of various breeds. Among the qualifications for official recognition of a breed is of course that the breed must breed true to an established standard which has been determined by a sufficient number of responsible individuals who are interested in the breed and have established the standard for it.

Among the one hundred and twelve breeds recognized the bulldog is listed as 17th in number of registrations. To top ninety-five other breeds speaks well for the bulldog's acceptance. In 1956,

3,985 bulldogs were registered. Among the dogs of this breed shown in 1956, 61 were champions and nine won their CD's (title meaning Companion Dog) and three were rated CDX (Companion Dog Excellent). The latter titles are won at exhibitions wherein the dogs are put through training tests, being required to stand, sit, walk, jump, lie down, sit down at command as well as obey other more difficult commands. No canine dunce can win either of these titles, let me assure you. The dogs are rated or scored according to their promptness to obey and willingness of performance. So with three such titles won by the bulldog you can see that some specimens of the breed are pretty smart citizens.

If you happen to own a bulldog and don't know the main points in its standard, which is not at all an unusual situation, here is what your dog should be:

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REPORTING to the Grand Lodge in session at San Francisco on his year in office, Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn said, "Elks are mindful of their business, and when we realize that our Order, and all its resources, is just like a billion dollar corporation with 1,200,000 stockholders, doing business in 1,800 branch stores, with 50 state and territorial managers, 175 district managers, and an Advisory Board comparable to any national directorate, we want to protect that business. Elldom is truly our business for it is all ours, share and share alike, because there are no degrees separating the newest affiliate and the highest officer.

"Because Elldom is such a big business, I was forced to curtail travel and devote more time to administrative effort. While I would have enjoyed the personal visits with more of you, I really felt quite close to all because of the liberal contributions by The Elks Magazine in printing my monthly messages and your willing response to them.

"You joined so wholeheartedly in the promotion of our Grand Lodge program to build 'A STRONGER ELKDOM FOR A BETTER AMERICA' and because of your help, together we can enjoy the fruits of a successful year."

Membership Trends

"This was the 18th consecutive year our Order has shown a substantial net increase in membership," Mr. Bohn stated.

"On March 31, 1957, the total membership was 1,195,509, which is a gain of 22,015.

"It is interesting to note, however, that this growth continued at an amazing speed during the next 90 days. In early May we passed the 1,200,000 mark and from figures available in June we had reached a gross figure of about 1,225,000, because of initiations and the institution of many new lodges.

"A study of our membership growth in recent years reveals some startling facts which demand serious consideration and immediate remedies.

"For the last five years we have initiated into our Order an average of about 82,000 selected new members each year. Our 'drops for non-payment of dues' have risen sharply and resulted in a mortality rate of more than 50% of this number. When our losses from deaths and dimitts are considered our annual net gain is slightly in excess of 22,015. This is an appalling figure.

"Two immediate remedial measures are sincere indoctrination and activation of new members and closer contacts with those who move from one jurisdiction to another. Lodges that recognize these facts at once will plug the leaks that are responsible for these losses and show greater net gains in the future."

New Lodges

"One of the problems confronting every new lodge is its economic future. While our Grand Lodge Statutes require a new lodge must have a minimum of 50 members, this figure is entirely too low in most instances since the income from such will not guarantee the future. We are extremely happy the new lodges instituted this year have heeded this recommendation.

"During the past year 39 Dispensations were granted and 34 new lodges were instituted in all sections of our country. California, New York, and Oregon were especially active this year and it is also a reassuring note that practically every one of our new lodges has

CONVENTION REPORT TO RUN NEXT MONTH

Since the Grand Lodge Convention in San Francisco does not open until July 14th this year, it will be necessary to run the coverage of the Opening Session, the four Business Sessions and the Grand Lodge Memorial Services in our September issue, rather than the August issue in which the reports customarily are published.

immediately become the center of community life and activity."

Lodge Preservation

"While organization of new lodges is pertinent to our expansion the preservation of existing lodges is equally important.

"I am justifiably proud to report that again this year not one single lodge was lost to our Order through charter revocation and that several which in past years have been 'dying on the vine' have assumed new leadership and are on the road to recovery."

District Deputies

"This year's tribute from the Grand Exalted Ruler's office to the District Deputies is special because the 'boys on our team' set an all-time record for getting their inspection reports in to the office. On November 14 we were able to write the first 'mission accomplished' letter to Wyoming North, Deputy Joseph J. Carey. By the last week in February every single report was in. The number and quality of special efforts in behalf of our program were amazing and so large as to make it risky to mention here because it would be too easy to overlook one. Any records written this year have been made by District Deputy cooperation over and above the call of duty."

Special Deputies

"Our grateful appreciation to Special Deputies Percy Coleman, Vicksburg, Miss.; Edwin Alexander, Aberdeen, Wash.; Roderick M. McDuffie, East Point, Ga.; S. J. Elkins, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; Merritt Diggins, Kendallville, Ind.; Robert DeHority, Elwood, Ind.; Cliff Mudd, Salem, Ore.; James A. Bresnahan, Fitchburg, Mass., and Charles Hawthorne, Baltimore, Md.

"These men made fine contributions to our Order and I am happy to give them this special recognition.

"Also, I want to thank Grand Secretary Lee Donaldson; Floyd Brown, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Bert A. Thompson, Green Bay, Wis., Grand Lodge Coordinator; Grand Lodge Committeeman Ben Watson, Lansing, Mich.; John McComb, Jr., Sanford, Maine, and many others who accepted special assignments to be of service to our Order."

Past Grand Exalted Rulers

"As the good wine flows only from the casks that contain the choice of the arbor blended by the masters' art, so the Past Grand Exalted Rulers contribute generously to our Order as the years go on. Having served Elksdom with distinction and in its highest office, it would not be unreasonable to expect them to rest on their accomplishments of the past. But this is not true, and I am extremely grateful to them for their continuing service to our Order."

Elks National Foundation

"This has been a wonderful year in our National Foundation efforts and it is my hope that each succeeding year will eclipse the previous.

"We have been most successful in building up the principal fund of the Foundation. This year it was increased \$453,058.74 for an all-time high, substantially \$50,000.00 in excess of any other year.

"More important, however, is the fact that individual members of the lodges responded so generously and really enjoyed the spirit of giving. Their investments in Elksdom's major philanthropy amounted to \$235,950.42, and they are the chief supporters.

"This is as it should be for it shows so clearly that our individual members appreciate the joy of giving.

"On the other hand, every one of our 1,800 lodges should include regular contributions to the National Foundation in their annual budgets.

"State Associations should cooperate with organizations including committee chairmen in each lodge and then our Elks National Foundation will become the greatest philanthropic organization in the country and continue to expand its already broad scope of humanitarian endeavors."

National Service Commission

"The broad duties of the Elks National Service Commission, under the inspiring leadership of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan who serves as Chairman, are capably administered by Executive Director Bryan McKeogh.

"Dedicated to the pledge that 'so long as there is a veteran in the hospital he shall not be forgotten,' this Commission annually compiles an outstanding record of service.

"Entertainment and vocational guidance are provided regularly to the hospitalized; fraternal centers are operated for the active service men and women; but most gratifying is the great work of rehabilitation being done for the discharged patients who are helped to find employment and regain positions in society.

"All of us should be more appreciative of the leadership provided by this Commission and extend our complete cooperation to its appeal."

Memorial Commission

"Contributing so generously to the success of our Order, this Commission not only operates our beautiful Memorial Building in Chicago and contributes annually to our general fund, but, also publishes The Elks Magazine. Without question it is the foremost fraternal publication in America."

Ritualistic Committee

"Under the leadership of its seasoned chairman, the Ritualistic Committee made a great contribution to our Order this year.

"Faced with the task of instructing our 1,800 lodges in new ritual procedure adopted at the Chicago convention, this committee prepared and distributed the new rules and regulations by October 1, 1956.

"A new training sheet instructing judges and assisting in rating performance of teams in ritualistic contests was prepared and distributed. It replaces

antiquated practices of the past and should be the forerunner of a complete new judging manual."

State Assns. Committee

"This year this committee fostered a sincere desire to bring the State Associations into close harmony and correlate their programs in the Grand Lodge pattern. I think they have accomplished a great deal along these lines and started an activity that will require some years before its ultimate accomplishment.

"One of the major problems is in the states having late conventions. In addition to the fact that new presidents are not elected in time to attend our national Convention or District Deputy clinics, their state chairmen of Grand Lodge activities are not activated quickly enough. It is a problem this committee has given serious thought and should give even more attention in the future.

"And so I conclude my report with gratitude for your loyal cooperation."

THE GRAND SECRETARY

THE Order continues to grow," Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson stated in opening his Report to the Grand Lodge on the progress of the Order during the year. "Last year we initiated 87,149 and added by dimit 12,185 and 8,272 by reinstatement. In the same period we lost 85,591 through deaths, dimit, expulsions and drops for non-payment of dues. Total memberships gain was 22,015. We have instituted 84 new lodges since the publication of the last Annual Report and there are about ten more in the process of

organization. These new lodges have made a substantial contribution to the gain achieved this year.

"Our gain in membership, while not spectacular, represents a normal, healthy growth comparable to that attained in the last few years. We are still plagued with the perennial problem of Lapsation. We initiated 1,427 more members than last year but dropped for non-payment of dues 2,568 more than in 1955-56. This problem demands the attention of every Exalted Ruler and Lodge Secretary, for it is only in the

Membership By States—1957

| State | Membership | State | Membership |
|------------|------------|--------|------------|
| Ala. | 7,687 | Nebr. | 16,410 |
| Alaska | 7,962 | Nev. | 4,388 |
| Ariz. | 16,531 | N. H. | 5,771 |
| Ark. | 2,951 | N. J. | 37,774 |
| Calif. | 123,999 | N. M. | 8,545 |
| C. Z. | 1,270 | N. Y. | 72,790 |
| Colo. | 29,986 | N. C. | 12,222 |
| Conn. | 20,688 | N. D. | 13,458 |
| Del., Md., | | Ohio | 59,397 |
| D. C. | 10,893 | Okla. | 8,582 |
| Fla. | 32,092 | Ore. | 48,336 |
| Ga. | 19,730 | Pa. | 89,312 |
| Guam | 295 | P. I. | 484 |
| Hawaii | 1,877 | P. R. | 745 |
| Ida. | 19,941 | R. I. | 7,754 |
| Ill. | 64,635 | S. C. | 7,433 |
| Ind. | 47,650 | S. D. | 10,032 |
| Ia. | 28,201 | Tenn. | 10,915 |
| Kan. | 23,062 | Texas | 22,254 |
| Ky. | 7,271 | Utah | 5,419 |
| La. | 2,877 | Vt. | 5,810 |
| Me. | 5,516 | Va. | 13,368 |
| Mass. | 39,069 | Wash. | 57,990 |
| Mich. | 51,895 | W. Va. | 19,732 |
| Minn. | 14,917 | Wis. | 27,258 |
| Miss. | 3,036 | Wyo. | 11,328 |
| Mo. | 12,775 | | |
| Mont. | 21,196 | Total | 1,195,509 |

Membership Gains and Losses by States—1956

| State | Gain | Loss | State | Gain | Loss |
|------------|-------|------|----------|--------|------|
| Ala. | 301 | | N. H. | 7 | |
| Alaska | 135 | | N. J. | 892 | |
| Ariz. | 669 | | N. M. | 139 | |
| Ark. | | 1 | N. Y. | 405 | |
| Calif. | 7,144 | | N. C. | 412 | |
| C. Z. | | 26 | N. D. | 146 | |
| Colo. | 426 | | Ohio | 137 | |
| Conn. | 373 | | Okla. | 397 | |
| Del., Md., | | | Ore. | 2,761 | |
| D. C. | | 456 | Pa. | 409 | |
| Fla. | 1,189 | | P. I. | | 17 |
| Ga. | 688 | | P. R. | | 18 |
| Guam | | 23 | R. I. | 143 | |
| Hawaii | | 66 | S. C. | 301 | |
| Ida. | | 252 | S. D. | 249 | |
| Ill. | 1,523 | | Tenn. | 127 | |
| Ind. | 375 | | Tex. | | 107 |
| Ia. | | 302 | Utah | 212 | |
| Kan. | 36 | | Vt. | 43 | |
| Ky. | | 30 | Va. | 57 | |
| La. | 78 | | Wash. | 1,667 | |
| Me. | 147 | | W. Va. | 781 | |
| Mass. | 224 | | Wis. | 173 | |
| Mich. | 672 | | Wyo. | 77 | |
| Minn. | | 68 | | | |
| Miss. | | 68 | Gain | 23,816 | |
| Mo. | 158 | | Loss | 1,801 | |
| Mont. | 151 | | | | |
| Nebr. | 301 | | | | |
| Nev. | | 58 | Net Gain | 22,015 | |

subordinate lodge that it can be solved. I urge the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries to analyze the membership tables (covering the period from April 1, 1956, to March 31, 1957) contained in this report and endeavor in the coming year to improve upon this year's membership record not only by adding to your rolls, but by devoting an intensive effort to saving delinquents.

"The net assets of the Subordinate Lodges have reached a total of \$272,884,534.86, an increase of more than \$7,000,000 over last year. The reports indicate that most of the lodges have improved their financial position. This

has been partially accomplished in many instances by an increase in dues, but there are still some lodges which are trying to operate on the same dues they charged years ago, which seems a little unrealistic," the Grand Secretary pointed out.

The lodges are annually increasing their contributions in charitable, welfare and patriotic work. This year \$6,607,580.34 was expended in these worthwhile endeavors.

United States Securities

The Grand Lodge holds in its various funds United States Securities in the following amounts, at cost:

In the Reserve Fund.....\$639,503.13
In the General Fund..... 200,000.00
In the Home Fund..... 160,000.00

\$999,503.13

The Reserve Fund bonds shown at a cost of \$639,503.13 have a par value of \$640,000.

Grand Lodge Finances

Current assets of the Grand Lodge are \$2,072,851.61; fixed assets are \$1,209,384.98, making the total assets of Grand Lodge \$3,282,236.59.

Dispensations

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker

| Dispensation | Name and Number of Lodge | Instituted |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 6-29-56 | San Manuel, Ariz., No. 2007 | 9-22-56 |
| 7- 5-56 | Elmont, N. Y., No. 2008 | 8-24-56 |
| 7- 5-56 | Marion, Va., No. 2009 | 8- 9-56 |
| 7- 9-56 | Naples, Fla., No. 2010 | 7-27-56 |
| 7-11-56 | Chula Vista, Cal., No. 2011 | 9- 8-56 |

7-11-56 Bel'lost, Me., No. 2012 9-17-56

Granted by Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn

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|----------|---|----------|
| 8- 8-56 | Fontana, Cal., No. 2013 | 9-29-56 |
| 8-31-56 | Southside Jacksonville, Fla., No. 2014 | 9- 8-56 |
| 9- 4-56 | Cheektowaga, N. Y., No. 2015 | 10- 7-56 |
| 9-12-56 | Greece, N. Y., No. 2016 | 10- 6-56 |
| 9-24-56 | Madras, Ore., No. 2017 | 10-13-56 |
| 9-25-56 | La Fayette, Ga., No. 2018 | 10- 6-56 |
| 10- 3-56 | Liberty, Texas, No. 2019 | 10-29-56 |
| 10-31-56 | Downey, Cal., No. 2020 | 1-19-57 |
| 12- 7-56 | Moab, Utah, No. 2021 | 3-10-57 |
| 12-24-56 | Red Hook-Rhinebeck, N. Y., No. 2022 | 1-13-57 |
| 1- 7-57 | Fairless Hills, Pa., No. 2023 | 3-15-57 |
| 1-15-57 | Kingston, Tenn., No. 2024 | 1-26-57 |
| 2-12-57 | Arcadia, Cal., No. 2025 | 3-23-57 |
| 3- 1-57 | Paradise, Cal., No. 2026 | 3-30-57 |
| 3- 7-57 | Palmdale, Cal., No. 2027 | 5-11-57 |
| 3- 7-57 | Van Nuys, Cal., No. 2028 | |
| 3- 7-57 | Cliffside Park, N. J., No. 1502 | 3-17-57 |
| 3-11-57 | North Canton, Ohio, No. 2029 | 3-31-57 |
| 3-14-57 | Keyport, N. J., No. 2030 | 3-31-57 |
| 3-15-57 | Tracy, Cal., No. 2031 | 3-31-57 |
| 3-20-57 | Milwaukie, Ore., No. 2032 | 3-30-57 |
| 4- 5-57 | South River, N. J., No. 2033 | 4-28-57 |
| 4- 9-57 | Pecos, Texas, No. 2034 | 5- 1-57 |
| 4-12-57 | Gouverneur, N. Y., No. 2035 | 4-28-57 |
| 4-15-57 | Smithtown, N. Y., No. 2036 | 5- 5-57 |
| 4-18-57 | Rutherford (Rutherfordton), N. C., No. 2037 | 5- 3-57 |
| 4-22-57 | Glendora, Cal., No. 2038 | |
| 4-23-57 | Parsons, Kans., No. 527 | 5-26-57 |
| 5- 2-57 | North Gate-Memphis (Frayser), Tenn., No. 2039 | 5-25-57 |
| 5- 6-57 | Cobleskill, N. Y., No. 2040 | 5-26-57 |
| 5-17-57 | Pearl River, N. Y., No. 2041 | |
| 5-17-57 | Newton, N. C., No. 2042 | |
| 5-24-57 | Brunswick, Me., No. 2043 | |
| 5-27-57 | Riverhead, N. Y., No. 2044 | |
| 5-28-57 | Corona, Cal., No. 2045 | |
| 5-28-57 | Buena Park, Cal., No. 2046 | |

Special Note

At the time the 1956 Annual Report of the Grand Secretary went to press, formal report of the institution of four lodges for which dispensations had been granted by Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker had not been received. Dates of institution of these Lodges were as follows:

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| West Covina, Cal., No. 1996 | 6- 2-56 |
| Bellflower, Cal., No. 2003 | 6-23-56 |
| Roxboro, N. C., No. 2005 | 6- 1-56 |
| Cranford, N. J., No. 2006 | 6-17-56 |

Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic Work

Below is a list of Charitable, Welfare and Patriotic activities in which Subordinate Lodges are engaged, together with total moneys expended for the same during the Lodge year from April 1, 1956 through March 31, 1957.

| Activities | Amount |
|--|----------------|
| Relief of Members, Widows, Orphans, Dependents, Burials, etc. | \$ 665,375.92 |
| Summer Outings, Camps and Health Resorts | 269,121.29 |
| Cerebral Palsy | 512,144.58 |
| Crippled Children | 808,988.92 |
| Medical Aids and Hospitals | 397,027.83 |
| Care of Needy Families, including Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets | 993,864.61 |
| Elks National Foundation | 216,039.23 |
| Youth Work (except for scholarships, free textbooks, etc.) | 889,897.38 |
| Scholarships, Free Textbooks, etc. | 289,345.57 |
| Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc. | 291,867.47 |
| Veterans' Relief | 163,504.06 |
| Miscellaneous | 915,537.94 |
| Flag Day, Constitution Day, Fourth of July, etc. | 194,865.54 |
| Total | \$6,607,580.34 |

The following table shows the amount expended in Charitable and Welfare work by each State and Special Jurisdiction during the period from April 1, 1956 to March 31, 1957:

| State | Amount | State | Amount |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Ala. | \$ 43,328.01 | Nebr. | \$ 65,227.75 |
| Alaska | 47,747.97 | Nev. | 31,032.82 |
| Ariz. | 112,617.01 | N. H. | 25,616.26 |
| Ark. | 17,539.97 | N. J. | 355,752.88 |
| Calif. | 835,186.39 | N. M. | 70,337.58 |
| C. Z. | 4,356.42 | N. Y. | 416,981.00 |
| Colo. | 208,620.62 | N. C. | 128,577.73 |
| Conn. | 108,460.94 | N. D. | 37,977.95 |
| Del., Md. | | Ohio | 206,441.74 |
| D. C. | 61,537.18 | Okla. | 48,431.10 |
| Fla. | 225,697.54 | Ore. | 294,610.42 |
| Ga. | 274,933.11 | Pa. | 308,026.93 |
| Guam | 2,437.00 | P. I. | 2,339.51 |
| Hawaii | 6,817.47 | P. R. | 3,125.18 |
| Ida. | 146,348.98 | R. I. | 71,994.48 |
| Ill. | 357,001.18 | S. C. | 55,631.59 |
| Ind. | 166,706.29 | S. D. | 34,911.57 |
| Ia. | 69,996.57 | Tenn. | 61,393.32 |
| Kan. | 84,221.88 | Tex. | 194,552.55 |
| Ky. | 36,427.83 | Utah | 70,752.18 |
| La. | 15,333.84 | Vi. | 30,752.90 |
| Me. | 25,252.74 | Va. | 76,741.84 |
| Mass. | 300,030.51 | Wash. | 239,516.70 |
| Mich. | 118,935.08 | W. Va. | 108,450.20 |
| Minn. | 70,357.87 | Wis. | 121,692.12 |
| Miss. | 13,830.79 | Wyo. | 38,688.87 |
| Mo. | 69,554.60 | | |
| Mont. | 84,745.38 | Total..... | \$6,607,580.34 |

BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

IMEDIATELY after the Grand Lodge Session held in Chicago last July was closed, the Board of Grand Trustees met and organized by electing Ronald J. Dunn, Chairman; Arthur M. Umlandt, Vice-Chairman and Approving Member; Horace R. Wisely, Secretary; W. A. Wall, Home Member; and Dewey E. S. Kuhns, Building Applications Member.

In accordance with the direction of the Grand Lodge, the Board of Grand Trustees procured and presented suitable testimonials to retiring Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and retiring member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Nick H. Feder.

During the year the Board held meetings as follows: Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., in November; Hotel Roosevelt in New York City, in February; Elks National Home in Bedford, Va., in May; and the Sheraton-Palace

Hotel in San Francisco, Calif., starting July 11, 1957.

Purchase of Securities

The Board of Grand Trustees purchased, with cash from the Reserve Fund, a Series K United States Savings Bond in the amount of \$10,000. During the year, Series G United States Savings Bonds matured and were replaced with Series K United States Savings Bonds as follows: Reserve Fund \$100,000, Home Fund \$15,000, General Fund \$65,000. Home Fund bonds in the amount of \$20,000 became due on May 1, 1957, and were redeemed in cash.

Building Applications

The Board of Grand Trustees during the past fiscal year received 175 applications from subordinate lodges, requesting approval to purchase, sell, erect new

buildings, make alterations or additions to present buildings and to mortgage property.

Authorization was granted to the lodges making application, by the Board of Grand Trustees, and concurred in by the Grand Exalted Ruler, for purchase of property, alterations or additions to buildings, construction of new homes, including expenditures for furnishings and equipment, in the amount of \$8,-792,413.14. The Board also approved the sale or exchange or leasing of property in the amount of \$1,882,450.

Elks National Home

The management of the Elks National Home is under the supervision of the Board of Grand Trustees, with Superintendent Thomas J. Brady in charge. Brother Brady, a past Chairman of the Board, since assuming this position has instituted many changes in administrative and general improvements. "The guests are high in their praise for his kindness and understanding of their well being and comfort," the Trustees stated in their report. "Brother Brady has been cited by city officials and civic groups of Bedford, Virginia, where the Home is located, for his participation in civic and other activities."

The Home has 169 acres of excellent farm land in the Blue Ridge Mountains and is equipped with every modern convenience. Each resident has his own private room, which is decorated to his taste. The Home maintains a well-equipped hospital of thirty-five bed capacity, including X-ray machines and a drug department available to all. Under the direction of D. H. Robinson, M.D., the registered nurses and aides administer to those confined, with tender care. A convalescing ward is also operated.

There is an outstanding dining room, where much of the food served is produced on the farm acreage of the Home. The Elks National Home is a gentlemen's country club. Enjoyment of life is here for those who qualify, to live the remaining years of their lives in peace and contentment. Everything for their comfort and welfare is provided. The Home, farm and improvements are now valued in excess of \$3,000,000.

The average number of residents of the Home during the fiscal year ended May 31, 1957, was 262. These Brothers represent 195 lodges in 39 states, the Canal Zone, District of Columbia, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. The average cost per resident was \$969.05. The Board reports that the net operating cost for the year was \$168,584.91.

particularly with respect to paper and printing, the advertising income becomes increasingly important to the Magazine in establishing the profits required for use of the Grand Lodge. Past Grand Exalted Ruler McClelland particularly emphasizes in his report the importance of members supporting advertisers utilizing the pages of the Magazine.

As Chairman McClelland said in the report, "It is very helpful when an individual Elk writing to an advertiser says, 'I saw your advertisement in The Elks Magazine.' Such cooperation is extremely important to the success of the Magazine and has been given very freely and generously."

The Elks Family Shopper again proved a vital system of advertising income for the Magazine, with total revenue during the year amounting to \$137,370.92, as compared to \$105,-276.38 for the previous year.

Public Relations

"The Public Relations Department completed another busy and productive year," Chairman McClelland reported. Not only did it receive extensive coverage in the nation's press, radio and television on Grand Lodge programs and activities, but also a total of 6,000 newspaper clippings resulted from releases issued during the year. The coverage of the 1956 Convention in Chicago showed a splendid increase as compared to publicity accorded to the 1951 Convention in that city. Chicago's four newspapers carried 68 items, including 39 news stories and 29 photos. This was an increase of 30 per cent over the 1951 coverage in Chicago. Nationwide, a total of 1,676 press clippings was received. The Public Relations Department experienced splendid cooperation from Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn. Working with Mr. Bohn and Chairman Roy of the Lodge Activities Committee, the Department prepared and distributed promotional material supporting the Order's "Get Out The Vote" Campaign last fall that proved very successful. The Public Relations Department also worked closely with the Grand Exalted Ruler in his campaign exposing the Communists' so-called "World Youth Festival" to be held in Moscow this summer. Sixty-seven releases were issued to lodges and State Associations in advance of Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn's visits.

National Newspaper Week again proved to be an important event for the Order, particularly since it offered subordinate lodges an excellent opportunity to identify their interests with those of the newspapers of their community. A total of 408 newspaper clippings on this activity was received.

In closing this part of the Commission's report, Chairman McClelland extended his sincere appreciation of the

ELKS NATIONAL MEMORIAL AND PUBLICATION COMMISSION

AT THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION in San Francisco in July, the Annual Report of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission was presented by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland, Chairman, and salient points of this Report follow:

Memorial Building

The Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Memorial Building in Chicago, which is generally recognized as the most outstanding edifice of its type in the world. The Building is dedicated to members of the Order who served in World War I and II, and, in particular, to those who gave their lives for our country. The Memorial Building is open daily and is a tourist attraction for visitors to Chicago. During the twelve months ending May 15, 1957, 82,212 persons visited the Building as compared to 83,986 the previous year. Since its erection, 2,108,224 people have visited the Building and have acclaimed its beauty, dignity and grandeur. The expense of maintenance and operation of the Building during the year was

\$85,861.89, the entire amount of which was paid from surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine.

PGER Broughton

In October, members of the Commission were very much saddened by the passing of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles F. Broughton, who had been a member of the Commission for only a few months. Mr. Broughton brought to his position a wide experience in publishing, as well as a deep loyalty to the Order and a record of outstanding service. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James was appointed by Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn as his successor.

The Elks Magazine

On May 31, 1957, The Elks Magazine concluded its 35th year as the national publication of the BPOE. During the year, 14,436,626 copies of the Magazine were published. Total earnings for the year were \$249,520.62, as compared to \$238,396.57 for the previous year. Total income for the year from the sale of advertising space was \$437,156.63, as compared to \$397,545.84 last year.

Because of rising production costs,

exceptional program which Otho DeVilbiss, Director of the Public Relations Department, originated and executed. At the same time, Chairman McClelland thanked Brother Hubert E. Allen, Superintendent of the Elks National Memorial Building since its erection, for the most gratifying manner in which he fulfilled his responsibilities.

Disposition of Earnings

Out of the surplus earnings of The Elks Magazine during the period since it was first published in June, 1922, the Commission has turned over to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$6,644,859.06. This is an average of nearly \$200,000 per year. These payments to the Grand Lodge have been used for such various purposes as the following: Operation and maintenance of the Elks National Memorial Building; contributions to the Elks War Commission and the Elks

National Foundation; building of an addition to the Elks National Home in Bedford, Va.; establishment of the Grand Lodge Reserve Fund and for various Grand Lodge expenses. As a result, the per capita tax for each year has been much lower than otherwise would have been the case.

This year the Commission turned over to the Grand Lodge out of surplus earnings of the Magazine an additional sum of \$150,000, bringing the total amount turned over to the Grand Lodge in the past 35 years to \$6,794,859.06.

Members of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers of the order, are: John S. McClelland, Chairman; Emmett T. Anderson, Vice-Chairman; Wade H. Kepner, Secretary; James T. Hallinan, Treasurer, and Earl E. James, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

THIS has been another year of successful progress," Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, stated in opening the annual report of the Foundation. "The principal fund of the Foundation has been increased substantially—in greater amount than any previous year. The trend which we reported last year continued. The major portion of the contributions during this year came from the individual members of our Order. We interpret this as an indication that the members are beginning to regard the Foundation as their agency for deeds of charity and benevolence. We believe that it is of great importance to the Order to encourage the members in this respect."

Current Year

The total amount received by the Foundation from all sources during the fiscal year was \$453,058.74, which was \$49,256.57 in excess of the best previous year. Individuals contributed \$225,452.39 and lodges \$142,919.14. Mr. Malley emphasized the effectiveness of organized promotional effort. Illinois leads in this respect, with approximately \$30,000 donated by individuals, and total lodge, Association and member contributions of nearly \$40,000. Rhode Island, with less than 8,000 members, contributed \$11,000 and increased its all-time contribution to an amount showing a per capita of \$8.25, the highest of any state, exclusive of bequests.

"California, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania show the usual generous contributions," Chairman Malley reported, in commending these states for their

efforts on behalf of the Foundation.

The major part of the bequest under will of Brother Nathan O. Noah of Tucson, Arizona, has been received, and it amounted to approximately \$62,000.

Appreciation

"Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn has cooperated with the Foundation Trustees in every possible way," Mr. Malley said in his report. "He emphasized the Foundation in his program and advocated with enthusiasm generous contributions to our principal fund by lodges, State Associations and individual members. The effectiveness of his promotional efforts, supplemented by a well-organized office force, is evidenced by the total contributions received during the year. We are exceedingly grateful to him."

Mr. Malley expressed the appreciation of the Trustees for the "Joy of Giving" column, which appears in The Elks Magazine each month, and also for the comments about the Foundation that are published on the Editorial page from time to time.

Mr. Malley thanked the District Deputies, State Association officers and committeemen, the Exalted Rulers and Secretaries of subordinate lodges and all "the Foundation-conscious members of innumerable lodges who gave most valuable assistance."

Current Distributions

Cerebral Palsy—Applications for grants to assist in financing courses of study in modern methods of treatment of cerebral palsy come to the Foundation daily from doctors, therapists, technicians, nurses, teachers and others, and up to

date, Foundation grants have totaled \$226,714.34. These grants have assisted in defraying the cost of tuition, maintenance and other necessary expenses and have sent 466 qualified persons through courses of specialized training in the treatment of cerebral palsy at leading universities and accredited medical institutions.

A recent survey of 300 grants by the Foundation indicated that substantially all who had received these grants and had completed their courses of study are now on assignments in the field of cerebral palsy.

Most Valuable Student Awards—This year the Foundation again awarded \$30,000 in scholarships under the "Most Valuable Students" Program. The awards are made in two divisions, with \$15,000 allocated to the outstanding boy scholars, and an equal amount to the outstanding girls. In the current year, 114 scholarships were allocated to States for award by selection of the State Associations. These scholarships amount to \$400 each.

Youth Leadership—The Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee continued its program to foster character building and to encourage youth leadership among the young people of our country. The Foundation Trustees made the sum of \$6,400 available for award by the Youth Activities Committee to outstanding Youth Leaders selected by the Committee. The winners were announced on page nine of our July issue.

Emergency Educational Fund—This Elks National Foundation Fund is available for the education of any child under the age of 23 whose father is a member of the Order and who lost his life, or was incapacitated, while a member in good standing. The fund is administered at the discretion of the Trustees. During the year, assistance grants were made in the amount of \$8,000.

Expenses

Mr. Malley emphasizes in the report that all expenses of administering the Elks National Foundation are met by the Grand Lodge, and only the income from the Principal Fund is used for the benevolent works of the Foundation. This administrative cost, paid by Grand Lodge appropriation, during the past year amounted to \$43,271.92.

The Elks National Foundation Trustees, all of whom are Past Grand Exalted Rulers, are: John F. Malley, Chairman; Robert S. Barrett, Vice-Chairman; Floyd E. Thompson, Secretary; Charles H. Grakelow, Treasurer; L. A. Lewis; Dr. Edward J. McCormick, and Sam Stern.

ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE COMMISSION

OPENING his report to the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, explained that the dedicated purpose of the Commission is to make life easier for our hospitalized veterans throughout the country and to provide facilities for rehabilitating their life, this being done as a tangible manifestation of Elk remembrance and gratitude for the sacrifices they made for our country.

Entertainment

"Elks have discovered many methods to make the dreary day-to-day battle for recovery a little brighter," Judge Hallinan pointed out. These include variety shows by the best professional performers available. Ward shows bring talent to the bedside. Carnivals, clambakes and cook-outs are featured outdoors in permissible weather. Donated television sets make pleasant pastime between visiting hours. Smokers with sports celebrities, long popular at Elks lodges, are always enthusiastically received. In mental hospitals the physically fit enjoy dances, field days, bowling and other participant sports, card parties and other forms of activity normally enjoyed in the world outside.

Occupational Therapy

To relieve the boredom of the long days of our hospitalized veterans, the Elks National Service Commission sponsored an excellent Occupational Therapy program.

Through a program which started in the State of California several years ago, hides are gathered during the hunting season and processed into brilliantly colored leather hides. Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, Nevada, North Dakota, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico are now busily engaged in the leather program. Through their efforts hides with a value of over \$600,000 have been distributed to every Veterans' hospital in the United States. It might be added that our only cost was the tanning and the shipping.

The State of Massachusetts also has a notable record for supplying leather, plastics and other materials to the hospitals in that State. Manufacturing plants generously cooperate. Many states collect old radios, television sets, watches, clocks, electrical appliances, motors, etc., to aid in the Occupational Therapy program.

Return to Home

Inability to secure suitable employment often breaks down the morale of the veteran. To assist cases of this kind, every lodge has been requested to appoint a Veterans Rehabilitation Committee, and more than 90 per cent have

done so. The operation of this program has been the subject of intensive study by more than 42 national organizations which have volunteers at Veterans Administration Hospitals. They selected the B.P.O.E., through the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee, to conduct a pilot program in several hospitals throughout the country. The results of this program are expected to establish a method of procedure which will be adopted by all organizations.

Fraternal Centers

After the outbreak of the Korean conflict, thirteen Elks Fraternal Centers were reactivated, but since then this type of problem for peace-time military personnel has greatly lessened. At the present time, the Elks National Service Commission is sponsoring six fraternal centers, serving Key West Naval Base in Fla.; Fort Benning in Ga.; Great Lakes Naval and Fort Sheridan in Illinois; Fort Jackson in S.C.; Shaw Air Force Base in S.C., and Fort Francis E. Warren in Wyo.

European Entertainment

The "Hardship Circuit" in France and Germany can best be described as a chain of lonely outposts manned by small groups of G.I.'s to whom an overnight or weekend pass is meaningless. There is no place to go. Need for assistance was presented to the Massachusetts State Elks Assn., which made arrangements for a talented performer, Manny Williams and his wife, to tour the circuit in behalf of the Elks National Service Commission.

Beloved Brothers Lost

During the year the Elks National Service Commission lost by death two of its most beloved members: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles E. Broughton and E. Mark Sullivan. The Commission paid tribute to the unfailing wise counsel and good judgment of these two revered members.

Finances

For the period reported, total program expenses amounted to \$364,175.27 and were financed through balance of funds on hand at April 1, 1956, in amount of \$353,230.29, plus receipts of \$352,353.52 being Grand Lodge per capita assessments on the membership of 1956-57; a \$25,000 appropriation adopted unanimously at the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago and \$6,711.40 representing miscellaneous donations from subordinate lodges and interest income earned on securities. A reconciliation of total expenditures to revenue received and opening balance

shows that, as of March 31, 1957, there remained on hand the sum of \$373,119.94, representing a moderate reserve against any sudden emergency or crisis which might arise.

Conclusion

Concluding his report, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hallinan extended his sincere thanks for the cooperation received from Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn. "Wherever he visited in his extensive travels, he never failed to acclaim the work done for veterans by our committees. He personally visited Veterans Administration hospitals whenever possible and his cheery words of comfort inspired both patients and Elks alike," Chairman Hallinan said.

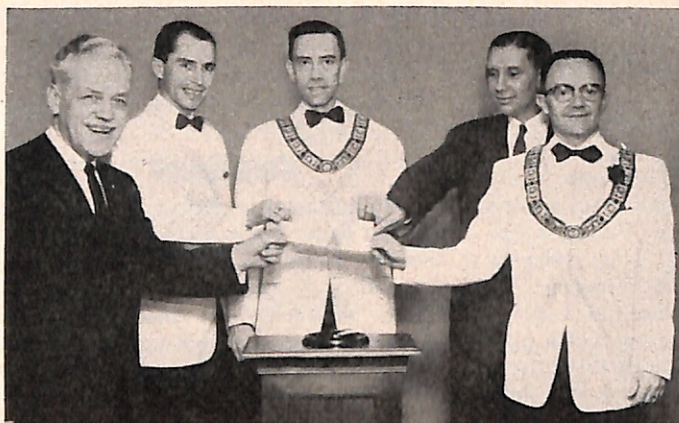
The splendid support and assistance of Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson and his efficient staff was most appreciated by the Commission.

"We are fortunate to have the continued experienced services of our Executive Director Brother Bryan J. McKeogh, Field Director Brother Floyd H. Brown and a faithful and efficient office staff. Their loyalty, ability and knowledge of the problems and operation of the Commission have contributed immeasurably to our attainments in the past year," Judge Hallinan stated.

Members of the Elks National Service Commission who presented the report were Past Grand Exalted Rulers James T. Hallinan, Chairman; Henry C. Warner, Vice-Chairman; George I. Hall, Treasurer; Howard R. Davis, Assistant Treasurer; Frank J. Lonergan; Emmett T. Anderson; Joseph B. Kyle; William Hawley Atwell; William J. Jernick, John L. Walker and Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn.

OUR CEREBRAL PALSY COVER THIS MONTH

The scene depicted on our cover this month is repeated thousands of times yearly as Elk mobile units bring healing therapy to handicapped children. In California, where the mobile system was pioneered and proved, and in New Mexico, Ohio and Washington, State Elks Associations carry on highly successful cerebral palsy programs. The Montana Association's program specializes in speech and hearing correction. Staffs of trained therapists make regular visits to homes of afflicted children, administering therapy treatments to the patients and teaching parents the techniques so that they can carry on between calls. The Elks Magazine is proud to offer this salute to these splendid Elk public service programs.



Burning the mortgage on Elizabethton, Tenn., Lodge's home were, left to right, Trustees Roy C. Nelson and Pete Carriger, junior P.E.R. John L. Bowers, Jr., Trustee Raymond C. Turrentine and the lodge's newly-elected Exalted Ruler Stanford Nave.



Mrs. Edward Jandro, center, Faribault, Minn., "Mother of the Year", is congratulated by local E.R. Dr. William Donkers at a banquet given by the lodge for 200 guests. At right is Mrs. Fred Caron who, at 85, was honored as the oldest mother present.



For several years Traverse City, Mich., Lodge has entertained pupils from rural schools at a banquet. At this year's event, Sheriff Richard Wyler, fourth from left with E.R. John Heiges on his right, was the principal speaker. Other guests included teachers Mrs. James Statler and Mrs. LaDore Ray, at left, and Henry Martin, right.



When 100 parents and their children joined in the Easter festivities of Fond du Lac, Wis., Lodge, Peter Cottontail was on hand in person. The mothers received corsages and the children got Easter baskets and during the dinner hour, some of the young guests proudly entertained. Chairman Dave Tack was in charge of this very successful program.

NEWS of the LODGES



Left: E.R. R. H. King of Harvey, Ill., Lodge, right, presents a check representing part of the lodge's \$1,500 contribution to the Ingalls Memorial Hospital Building Fund to Elk Harry Krogh, Chairman of the fund-raising drive.



Above: Meeting to form a P.E.R.'s Assn. of South Bend, Ind., Lodge are, seated, the 1913-14 E.R. Fred B. King and, standing left to right, Dr. B. B. Rodefer, and Werner C. Vernon, co-organizers of this group, Marion T. Dutrieux and E.R. James C. Gillis.



Left: At impressive ceremonies, followed by a social hour for members and their wives, 11 candidates were initiated into Franklin, La., Lodge, by E.R. Tanos Joseph, fourth from left foreground, and his officers. On Mr. Joseph's right is D.D. James H. Aitken who made a special address. P.D.D.'s K. M. Frank and Charles S. Parker are standing at left and second from left, background, respectively.



Above: E.R. James J. Jenkins of Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge, right, presents Life Membership cards to, left to right, John D. Steele, Malcolm A. Steele and Wm. H. Hoff, all of whom have been Elks over 50 years. Other 50-year members to receive these cards but were unable to attend the meeting are H. J. Becker, William Biel, Shannon Katzenbach, J. V. Moore and W. Frank Wall. Other Life Members of over 50 years' membership are C. E. Bauermeister, C. M. DuPay, G. O. Dix, Albert Pfau, C. B. Reed, J. E. Schoemehl, H. F. Staff and J. E. Stein.

Below: Officials handling the dedication of the \$150,000 air-conditioned home of Storm Lake, Iowa, Lodge, when D.D. C. E. Pierce and State Pres. R. E. Davis were speakers are, left to right, foreground, Past Presidents and State Trustees A. R. Perasso and C. L. Mattice, E.R. Henry Poeckes, D.D. Pierce and Past Pres. and State Treas. A. P. Lee; in the background, P.D.D. James H. Tait of Boone, State Pres. R. E. Davis, Past Pres. Ralph Bastian and State Vice-Pres. C. W. Tymeson.



La Salle-Peru, Ill., Elks Fête Teen-Agers

The members of La Salle-Peru Lodge No. 584 can take another bow this year for the success of the after-prom party they gave for 344 young students of junior and senior classes of the local high school.

Following their dance at the school, the young ladies and their escorts enjoyed a delicious dinner at the club rooms of the Knights of Columbus who

have cooperated with the Elks in this three-year project, giving the accommodations for dining, because the facilities at the Elks lodge home are not adequate for both dining and dancing. Welcomed by E.R. Joseph Waytemick and Youth Activities Chairman C. P. Woodruff and other members of the lodge, the young people danced at the home of No. 584 from one a.m. until 5:30 a.m. with soft drinks, hot dogs, and so on, provided through the courtesy of local merchants.

The Elks sponsor this activity in an

effort to keep the youngsters off the roads and prevent tragic automobile accidents. That this splendid undertaking is appreciated by the community is evidenced by the many laudatory editorials published on the subject in the local newspapers.

Elks National Bowling Tournament Results

A total of \$34,740 representing 2,477 prizes was offered in the 38th Annual Bowling Tournament of the Elks National Bowling Assn., at Columbus, Ohio. The five-man event was captured by the Apex Hard Chrome Bowling Team of Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge, both as actual pin-fall champion and handicap winner. H. Mayol and J. Watson of Springfield, Ill., paired off to win the doubles event, with H. Lane and J. Coon of Lima, Ohio, taking the actual pin fall. H. Scheppele of Centralia, Ill., was both handicap and pin-fall champion in the individual event, while C. Beckley of Delaware, Ohio, took the All Events honors.

The 1958 Tournament will be under the auspices of Fort Wayne, Ind., Lodge, weekends beginning Feb. 22nd. Further information may be obtained from Assn. Secy. E. N. Quinn, P. O. Box 29, Madison 1, Wis.



Photographed in the lobby of the home of Oxnard, Calif., Lodge during the gala celebration of its 35th Anniversary were, left to right, Charter Trustee W. H. Lathrop, Charter Member and M.C. Henry M. Borchard, P.E.R., Chairman C. P. Hebenstreit of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Charter Trustee Adolfo Camarillo, Program J. R. Doud, P.E.R., State Assn. Pres. Owen Keown and E.R. Walter Schreiner.



P.E.R. L. T. Eddy, center foreground, with the officers of Fairmont, W. Va., Lodge and the 15-man class initiated in his honor. A P.D.D. and former State Assn. Pres., Mr. Eddy has long been interested in ritualistic work and knows every word of the entire ritual perfectly.

Southampton, N. Y., Elks Sponsor Scout Event

The Elks of Southampton Lodge No. 1574 were enthusiastic backers for the 4th Annual Peconic Bay District Scout Exposition, in which 700 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers participated.

Judge Harold R. Medina gave the keynote speech at the opening ceremonies when Judge Otis Pike of Riverhead presided, and presented a Scout Statuette to Southampton Lodge's E.R. Arthur M. Weiss, in appreciation of the lodge's Service to Youth of the District.

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Past Pres. R. G. Borman of the Illinois Elks Assn., right, presents a \$100 Elks National Foundation award to Miss Patricia A. Ryan. Miss Judith Wertz, left, and Louis Lanzerotti, center, also received \$250 awards. In the background are Carlinville high school principal R. E. Leasman, left, and Dean Herbert Halpert of Blackburn College.



This quintet is the Apex Hard Chrome Bowling Team of Lakewood, Ohio, Lodge which won the 1957 team championship during the 38th Annual Elks National Bowling Tournament at Columbus. They are, left to right, Bill Peters, Roy Sippola, Capt. Harry Johnson, Frank Schumacher, an Elks National Bowling Assn. Director, and Andy Mescko.



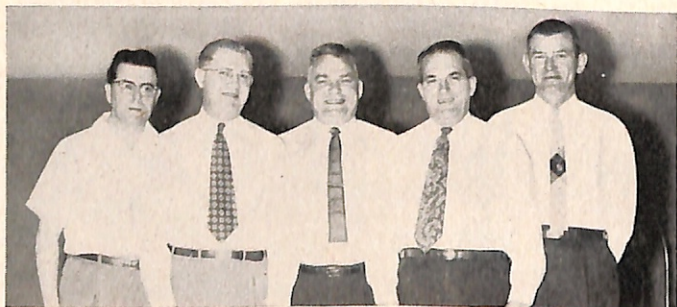
At the homecoming dinner given by Watertown, N. Y., Lodge in honor of retiring State Pres. Francis P. Hart were, seated left to right, Grand Lodge Auditing Committee Chairman James A. Gunn, Chairman of the State Assn. New Lodges Committee, Mr. Hart, P.E.R. Charles Calkins, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan and E.R. Clarence Gaffney; standing: P.E.R. Paul J. Regan, Charter Member Charles A. Winslow, P.E.R. Frank O'Brien and Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. P. Deviney, State Chaplain.



Chairman Joseph Marques of Mobile, Ala., Lodge's Crippled Children's Committee, second from right, accepts a \$400 check to assist in this work from Mrs. John W. Phelan, as the gift of the ladies of the lodge. Looking on, left to right, are P.E.R. and Club Mgr. W. G. Seabury, Secy. John M. Lynch and D.D. C. E. Hayward. Mr. Marques and the committee of which he has been Chairman for many years, raised a total of \$3,532.09 for this work during the year ending March 31st.



Among the 15 candidates recently initiated into Evanston, Ill., Lodge were the three sons of Justice of the Peace Alex W. Saeger, Sr., a long-time member. In this photograph are, left to right, Edgar, Donald and Alex W. Seager, Jr., their father and E.R. Charles Mohle.



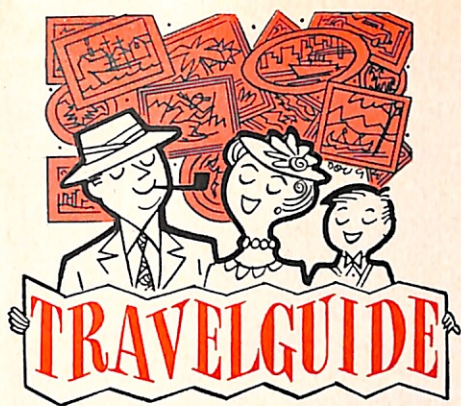
One of the two Minot, N. D., Elk bowling teams entered in the Elks Bowling Tournament in Minneapolis, Minn., tied with the Land O'Lakes Team from Albert Lea, Minn., for first place. They are, left to right, Earl Belanger, Earl Griffin, Glen Haga, Al Gaub and Roger Cady.



Above: John L. Kobs, 60-year-member of Ashland, Ky., Lodge, left, was honored by his lodge with the initiation of a large class. An Honorary Life Member, Mr. Kobs is the oldest member of the lodge in service and has served four times as its Exalted Ruler. He is pictured as he received a gift of the lodge from junior P.E.R. David Aronberg, right. Looking on is the newly elected E.R., Dr. W. T. McKee.

Below: E.R. Dean Niemeier, center, presents Manhattan, Kans., Lodge's gift of \$1,000 to Hurst Majors, Park Board member, left, the largest contribution to the Warner Park Fund. Looking on is Elk Secy. Harold Carlson.





We should very much like to hear from any of our readers who went on one of the several Post Convention Tours from San Francisco this past month. Your comments will be published, as space permits, in this column in the next several issues. We feel sharing your experiences with others will be appreciated and will be of interest, not only to those unable to take advantage of one of the various tours, but to those who are curious about the tours other than the one they took.

And speaking of conventions, the first bona fide convention ever to be held in the South Seas will take place in November on the island of Tahiti. A group of Chicago dentists have engaged the facilities of the "Beachcomber's Blue Lagoon." This is a new name for the Les Tropics Hotel recently purchased by Don the Beachcomber and associates of Honolulu. The facilities will be expanded to include 45 new bungalows, all to be built in Tahitian style with American bathrooms.

Mexico also will offer the traveler additional facilities this winter. Two new hotels will be completed this year in time for the season. Both named El Presidente, one is in Mexico City and the other is in Acapulco. The hotel in Mexico City will have accommodations for 200 guests and will open this month. The Acapulco edition, with accommodations for 250, is expected to open in December.

If you plan to be abroad this summer or fall and are looking for the ultimate, we suggest you consider the rental of a yacht in Holland. Comfortably sleeping six to eight persons, the price of a yacht is \$135 a week, including the skipper's wages. Yachts may be rented before arrival from the Netherlands Boat Owners Association, Eilandswal 3, Alkmaar. Detailed information at any of the Pan American Air Line offices in this country.

Yachts are also available in the Caribbean for charter, with or without skipper or crew, for two weeks or a month,

at a cost per person comparable to a stay of the same length at a good resort. The yachts are available at Caribbean Charter and Sales, Inc. in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and from E. Nicholson & Son, Antigua. Information in this country may be had by writing the Caribbean Tourist Association, 237 Madison Avenue, New York.

A penalty plan for "no shows" on domestic airlines has finally been adopted. The traveler who makes his reservation for space and then does not show up for the flight will be assessed \$3.00 as a fine. The penalty will not be effective on flights to foreign points since overseas passengers are less apt to be "no shows" than domestic passengers.

The new multi-million dollar Aquarium has been opened at Coney Island in time for the thousands who will enjoy New York's Summer Festival this year. Easily accessible by car or subway, it will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. during the summer months.

We have a letter from Harry B. Williams, Chanute, Kansas, No. 806, written after reading the Bob Koenig item about Coughran's Steak Room, McAllen, Texas, in our June column. He says, in part, "I heartily agree with

Bob Koenig... that Coughran's is a wonderful place to eat... but for goodness sake don't pass up Paradise Courts for an overnight stop. It is as lovely a place with as fine a swimming pool as you will ever hope to see and it is managed by our good friend Bill Mill, who offers a special welcome to all our readers and their families."

The 1957 edition of Pan American's "New Horizons" is now ready for distribution. Sections on Iran, Iraq, Indonesia and Iceland have been added in addition to the thorough updating of all the facts on 87 countries on six continents. The book, revised every year, offers the traveler the latest information on conditions, climate, customs, hotels and every conceivable situation that could arise on his or her journey. Send \$1.00 to Pan American World Airways, P. O. Box 1111, New York 17, New York.

TRAVELGUIDE NOTE

Our travel-minded readers should not overlook Horace Sutton's New England article this month. It opens on pages 18 and 19 and then is continued to page 44 for a round-up of these delightful states.

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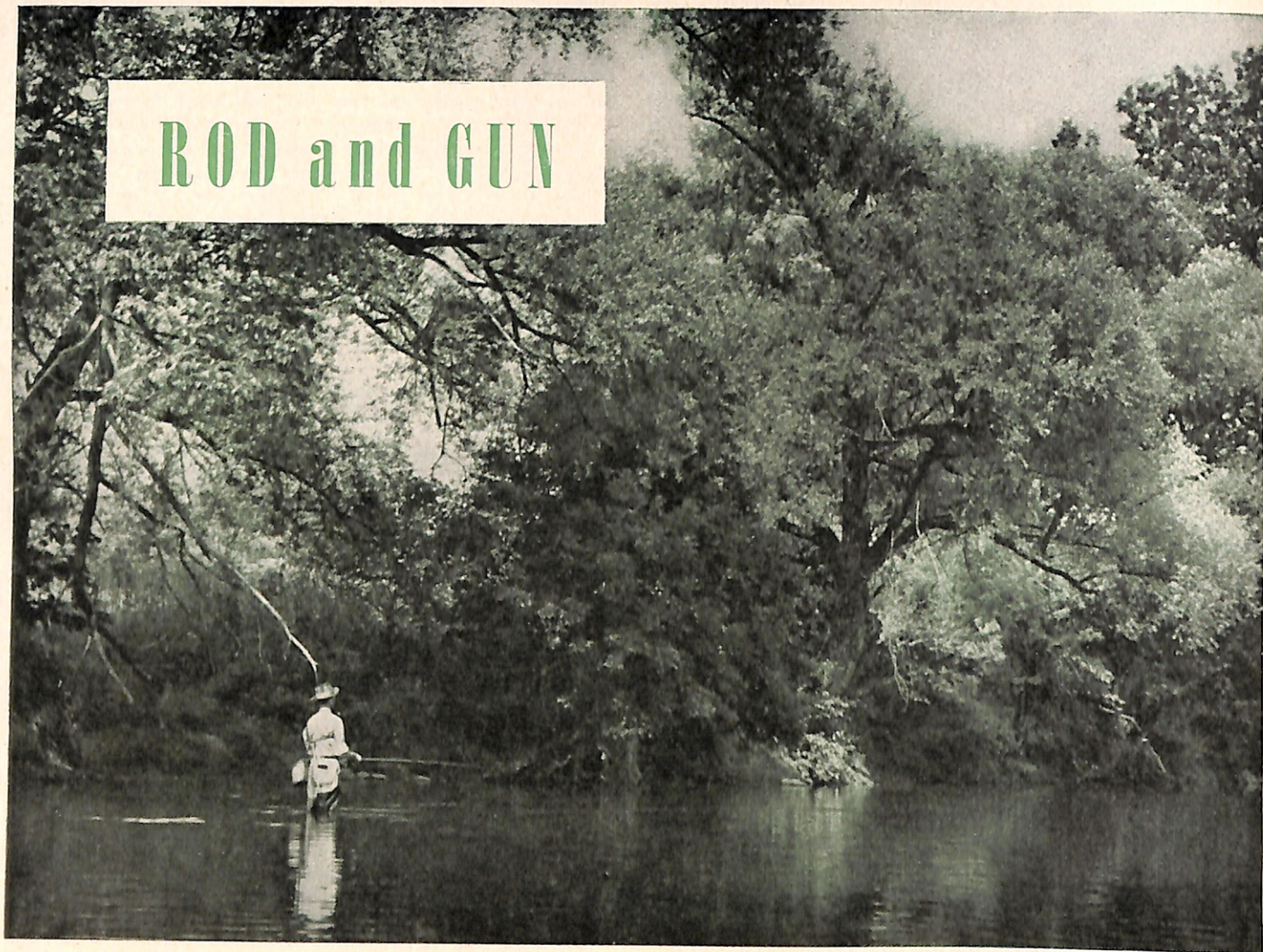
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ROD and GUN



Fly fishing for bass usually is most enjoyable on a stream.

There are several reasons for using fly tackle to catch bass, including that it's a lot of fun.

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

WE WERE FISHING one of the canals that flow into (or out of) Lake Okeechobee, in Florida. Bass were breaking the surface ahead of our boat and behind it, and sometimes even right beside it. But could we interest them? I'll tell the world we couldn't, not one! We tried floaters and sinkers and divers and darters and ziggers and zaggers and, of course, the ever-faithful silver spoon with porkrind. Not a touch.

After about two hours devoted to trying various bait-casting lures and different methods of fishing them, I noticed the rod case lying in the bottom of the boat. I remembered that my fly rod, which I had brought along to use for bream, was in it. I got it out and assembled it, ran the line through the guides and tied a smallish, popping bug to the leader. I cast the bug close to the overhanging vegetation on the bank, let it lie an instant and then gave it a jerk. A bass engulfed it!

I would like to say that I just knocked

them dead for the remainder of the day, but I can't. Unfortunately, they quit feeding shortly after I began using the bug, and then we couldn't catch them on anything. I got three or four more before they stopped, however, and that was pretty good proof that I'd have had red-hot sport all morning if I'd started using the bug in the first place.

Now why do you suppose those bass would take a bug when they wouldn't take a top-water plug? It beats me. Like a lot of other things in fishing, I don't understand all I know about it. But I do have a theory: I think they were feeding on something small, maybe beetles or baby frogs, that fell off the banks. The little cork bug that I tied on happened to be about the same size as their natural food. All our plugs were too big.

Whether my theory is correct or not, there have been many times when either bugs or flies, fished on a fly rod, were far better bass catchers than any

of the larger lures that can be used with bait-casting or spinning tackle. I remember an experience on a slough in Oregon a couple of years ago.

Jim Eidemiller and I started fishing it with casting tackle, paddling down the middle in the canoe and probing the inviting spots along both banks with our lures. We worked almost its entire length without a strike.

All of this time, we had been noticing little, dimply rises. We assumed they were bluegills. Finally deciding that I would rather catch bluegills than not catch bass, I picked up my fly rod and cast a panfish bug to one of the dimples on the surface. My bug disappeared without any commotion whatever.

I set the hook and started to strip in line, expecting to hurry a little bluegill to the boat and turn him loose. It wouldn't come! I had, I eventually discovered, tied into a four-pound bass. After that, we learned that most of the quiet rises were being made by bass, not bluegills, and we had a barrel of fun before a thunderstorm finally came along and stopped the action.

I will admit that I probably am prejudiced in favor of the long rod. I used one to catch my first bass and I

had caught hundreds of them on flies before I learned to use a bait-casting outfit. I like to cast a fly or bug and I like to fish them, and I think it is more fun to land a fish on fly tackle than on bait-casting or spinning equipment.

I will also admit that there are times and places where plugs or spoons definitely are better. This seems generally to be the case on the larger lakes and reservoirs. Large lures, especially floating plugs, are nearly always better when the bass are making their nests. Then they *attack* the lure because it is their nature to drive away intruders, not because they are feeding. In late summer, too, when the bass are deep, a fast-sinking lure often is better than a fly or bug.

A lot of the time, however, most of us overlook fine sport, either because we don't even take our fly rods along or else because we do take them but fail to use them. We fishermen seem to be creatures of habit. We get into the habit of fishing a certain way and then continue to do it year after year, even though we might catch more fish and have more fun if we'd try something different occasionally.

The "standard" bass fly rod for many years was nine feet long and weighed six ounces, with a rather stiff action. The reason for such a powerful rod was not to land the fish we might hook, but

to cast big bugs. It takes a heavy line to carry a big bass bug out to respectable distance, and a heavy rod was required to cast the heavy line.

More recently we have discovered that there are lighter rods capable of doing the job. I have a nine-foot, 5½-ounce, rod that takes an A line and it, in turn, will handle a bass bug nearly as big as my thumb. Naturally, the lighter the rod the more pleasant it is to use—so long as it does the job required—and I frequently fish for bass with an eight-foot, 4¼-ounce rod that takes a B line. It won't cast quite so far nor handle bugs quite so big, but what I lose in these respects I gain in easier casting, and I think I catch about as many fish.

Regardless of the rod you choose, you definitely need two lines that fit it. You need a floating line for bugs and a sinking line for flies. Nothing is more abominable than a line that persists in sinking when you're fishing a bass bug, and sometimes when you're fishing a stream for smallmouths you are absolutely helpless unless you have a sinking line that will take your streamer or bucktail, if that's what you are using, down to the level of the fish.

Many manufacturers now make both sinking and floating fly lines. You can use level lines if you want to economize; I had caught hundreds of bass on flies before I could afford a tapered

line. Otherwise, I think lines of the weight-forward type are generally better for bass fishing than the double-tapered variety, though the latter are less expensive. (When one end of a double taper wears out you can reverse it and use the other.)

All the floating fly lines are made of nylon. Some of the sinkers are made of dacron, others of a mixture of dacron and nylon, and still others are braided of nylon with a heavy plastic coating that takes them down. Regardless of the kind you choose, avoid a stiff, wiry line as the plague. It won't cast and it will be a never-ending source of irritation.

The first thing to do when you buy a new tapered line is to cut off all of the fine, level line at the end of the taper. This extra length is just as useless as the tail on a sheep and, like the sheep's tail, it should be cut off. You'll never be able to handle a bug if you leave it there.

Next, the first time you go fishing, put on leader and bug—or fly if you're using the sinking line—and devote a few minutes to experimental casting. If the line and leader don't straighten out at the conclusion of the cast, cut between six inches and a foot off the end of the line, retie the leader and try again. Repeat the process until your

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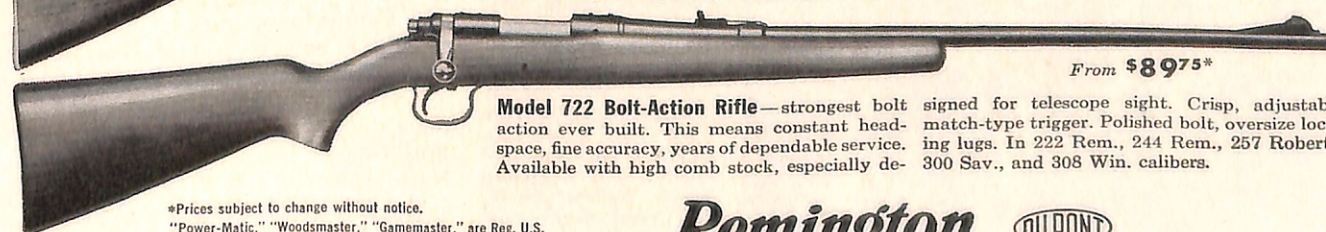
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News of the State Associations

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thousands of our disabled veterans.

Special tribute was paid to Secy. Arnold, Editor of the Assn.'s excellent paper, the Newsette, which he founded in 1936 and which had increased its circulation by 3,000 since last year.

The Crippled Children's Commission, headed by Dr. N. H. Feder, Past State Pres. and former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, held its meeting, and at the dinner of the Advisory Committee, composed of Past Presidents of the organization, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson was an interesting speaker.

Over 40 lodge Secretaries held a luncheon meeting at which F. J. Secker, Freeport, was elected Pres. and Wm. F. Goodrum, Paris, reelected Secy.

Memorial Services were well attended, with the address given by John S. Boyle, former State Attorney for Cook County.

Social activities were climaxed by a banquet at which five students and their parents were guests and the young people received awards.

Fred L. Bohn Guest of Louisiana Elks Assn.

Fred L. Bohn, 1956-57 Grand Exalted Ruler, was the special guest of the 300 delegates to the Louisiana Elks Assn. Convention in Shreveport May 24, 25 and 26, and was the featured speaker at the banquet which highlighted the meeting. Mayor James C. Gardner, a member of the host lodge, delivered the welcoming address, to which Past Pres. and P.D.D. Sol B. Pressburg responded. Former Grand Tiler Sidney Freudenstein, D.D.'s A. B. Culliton and James H. Aitken, and Past Grand Inner Guard John Ford were on hand.

Chairmen of the various Committees of the organization reported favorably on their programs, and the Association adopted a resolution naming the Southern Eye Bank of New Orleans as one of its major projects for the year.

Baton Rouge Lodge captured the Ritualistic title, and initiated a special class in honor of Mr. Bohn. At the annual Memorial Service, Hon. George W. Hardy, Judge of the Louisiana Court of Appeals, made the address.

Elected President of this group was A. S. Johnson, Jr., of Jennings Lodge, which will be host to the 1958 Convention during the celebration of its Golden Anniversary. Other officers elected at this meeting were 1st Vice-Pres. John L. Lucas, Baton Rouge; 2nd Vice-Pres. Harry Garland, Opelousas; Sgt.-at-Arms G. W. Barker, Lake Charles; Tiler E. F. Rodriguez, Sr., Alexandria; Chaplain T. J. Duhon, Baton Rouge, and as five-year Trustee J. J. Clausen, Franklin. Other Trustees are C. L. Clay, Opelousas; S. C. Spengler, Alexandria; M. J. Byrne, Shreveport, and W. C. McDonald, New Orleans. Secy. E. F. Heller, Sr., Alexandria, and Treas. A. B. Culliton, Shreveport, were reelected to office.

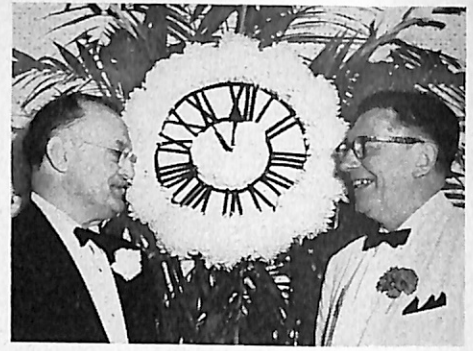
Over 1,700 Florida Elks Meet at Orlando

Over 1,700 persons, representing all 67 lodges of the State, attended the four-day 51st Annual Convention of the Florida Elks Assn. in Orlando which opened May 23rd. Past Grand Exalted Rulers John S. McClelland and Earl E. James were guests of the Association, with Mr. James delivering a forceful address following his presentation by Judge McClelland who had been introduced to the Convention by Grand Trustee Wm. A. Wall.

A beautiful Memorial Service, with P.D.D. G. P. LeMoine as speaker, eulogized Past Presidents Howell A. Davis, and Arthur C. O'Hea, State Treas. C. L. Johnson and Harry R. P. Miller, who gave the Harry-Anna Crippled Children's Home building to the Assn., all of whom had passed away last year.

Highlight of the meeting was the report of the Trustees for the Home's Trust Fund whose Chairman, Wm. A. Wall, announced the Fund now totals \$1,100,000.

Supplementing this report, P.E.R. John Flood of Live Oak Lodge discussed "Operation Big Heart," a plan through which Elks of the State may pay tribute to their outstanding Secretary, James J. Fernandez, by subscribing to Trust Fund Certificates. This plan's success was evidenced by the fact that almost \$90,000 was subscribed.



Talking things over during the Kansas Elks Assn. Convention were the 1956-57 Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, right, and the 1953-54 Elk leader, Earl E. James.

Six lodges participated in the Ritualistic Contest, won by Jacksonville Lodge, and Lake Worth was selected as the 1958 Convention site. Until that meeting, the following will hold office: Pres. J. Pierce Smith, Gainesville; Vice-Presidents J. L. Cole, Lake City; D. C. Jordan, Jacksonville; V. F. Martin, Winter Park; R. Otis Bice, Jr., Winter Haven; A. I. Tedder, West Palm Beach, and C. R. Gunn, North Miami; Acting Secy. William Lieberman, Leesburg; Treas. G. C. Russ, Tallahassee; Historian Wm. A. Partain, Jr., Palatka; Tiler G. C. Linder, Orlando; Sgt.-at-Arms Graham Bird, Perry; Chaplain F. X. Carroll, Pensacola; Organist W. P. Hollinrake, St. Petersburg.

Guy Rich to Head New Hampshire Elks

Guy A. Rich of Littleton Lodge was chosen 1957-58 President of the New Hampshire Elks Assn. by the delegates to the Convention held at Manchester May 24, 25 and 26, with Littleton selected as the 1958 Convention city. Vice-Presidents are John A. Goggin, Claremont; Ralph R. Rosa, Portsmouth, and John A. Hughes, Concord. John T. Delaney, Nicholas Perkins and Lawrence Danforth, all of Littleton, are Secy., Treas. and Chaplain, respectively. Other officers are Wells Tenney, Concord, Tiler; Richard L. Poirier, Berlin, Sgt.-at-Arms; Francis Riel, Laconia, Inner Guard, and Wendell L. Shosa, Laconia, Organist. Trustees are Charles Bouchard, Manchester; Edward C. Theriault, Nashua; Joseph L. Collette, Claremont; R. E. Finnegan, Berlin, and R. F. Wentworth, Dover, Trustees.

The delegates, who saw Laconia officials take the Ritualistic Contest, voted to continue their long-time sponsorship of the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center for Crippled Children and to add a new project of that nature under the jurisdiction of Keene Lodge.

The Assn.'s aid to veterans will continue under the guidance of Past State Pres. Charles Durrell at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital and Edward Theriault at the Manchester Veterans Hospital.

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The Championship Ritualistic Team of Rhode Island is this group of Pawtucket Lodge officials, left to right, seated: Est. Loyal Knight J. H. McAlvey, E.R. H. E. Gentili, Est. Lead. Knight Wm. F. Foley, Est. Lect. Knight A. C. Ethier; standing: Chaplain Richmond Jeffery, Inner Guard Wallace Forest, Esq. Peter Beretta and Coach P. J. Keane, P.E.R.

FLAG DAY SALUTE FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL



Some of the Elks members who participated in the Grand Lodge's Flag Day Salute. Left: Representative John W. McCormack, who presided. Center: Senator Karl E. Mundt delivering the principal address. Right: Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., chatting at the buffet supper with Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn.

A COLORFUL AND STIRRING PAGEANT presented by the Grand Lodge in the Nation's Capital featured this year's tribute to Old Glory as the Order of Elks celebrated from coast to coast the 180th anniversary of the birth of our Flag.

Eight distinguished members of the Congress of the United States, all of them Elks, took part in the brilliant and dramatic musical pageant in Washington's Constitution Hall Friday evening, June 14. Joining them, to tell the history of our Flag and the story of America's mighty growth and expansion were Miss Elaine Malbin, the famous young operatic star, Mr. Lanny Ross, whose voice is known and loved by millions, the U. S. Army Band and Chorus under the direction of Major Hugh J. Curry, and color guards representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

The Mutual Broadcasting Co. presented a half-hour broadcast of the performance over its coast-to-coast network, thus contributing immensely to the success of the Order's campaign to get the public to "Show Your Colors" on Flag Day.

Sen. Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, Madison Lodge No. 1442, delivered the principal address, an eloquent appeal to all who love freedom to stand ever vigilant against those who would weaken and destroy it while pretending to offer something better. Specifically, he appealed to all patriotic Americans to make it their business to be alert to efforts of communists and their agents to destroy our institutions, and to fight them at every turn.

Senator Mundt left a suddenly scheduled night session of the Senate to make his address, and immediately returned to the Capitol. The night session prevented the participation of three Sen-

ators in the presentation of the History of the Flag. They were Senators Clinton P. Anderson of New Mexico, Albuquerque No. 461; J. Glenn Beall of Maryland, P.E.R., Frostburg No. 470, and Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, P.E.R., Washington No. 776.

Their roles were taken by members of the House of Representatives, Rus-

sell V. Mack of Washington, P.E.R., Aberdeen No. 593; Ben F. Jensen of Iowa, Atlantic No. 445, and John F. Baldwin, Jr., of California, Pittsburg No. 1474. Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, Minority Leader and

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former Speaker, a member of North Attleboro No. 1011; Rep. Frank J. Becker of New York, P.E.R., Lynbrook No. 1515, and Rep. John J. Rooney of New York, P.E.R., Brooklyn No. 22, made up the group of Congressmen who introduced the various flags presented in the pageant.

Presiding was Rep. John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, Boston No. 10, Majority Leader of the House. Congressman McCormack was Vice Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, made up of Elks from both Houses.

Senator H. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire PER, Concord No. 1210, Committee Chairman, could not be present.

Grand Exalted Ruler Fred L. Bohn, introducing Senator Mundt, paid tribute to the 258 Elks in the Congress, voicing the appreciation of all Americans for the high standards of public service that they exemplify.

The Rev. Richard J. Connelly, Lancaster, Ohio, No. 570, the Acting Grand Chaplain, delivered the invocation and the benediction.

A feature of the pageant was the use

of color slides, projected on a huge screen, to illustrate the various banners that have preceded our present Flag, and the meaning of the Flag as told in narratives delivered by Miss Malbin and Mr. Ross. The Armed Forces members who bore these banners on stage were dressed in uniforms of the period contemporary with the flags, adding another colorful note to the pageant. As a stirring finale, an eight-man color guard marched in with the present Flag flanked by the banners of the five Armed Services.

In the Doghouse

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size, medium (weight 40 to 50 pounds); smooth coat, almost any color except solid black; head should be large and heavily wrinkled and flat, not rounded or dome shaped; eyes should be round and very dark; ears should be small and thin and "rose shaped" (folding inward at the back lower edge with upper front edge curving forward; should never be erect nor should they ever be cropped). Jaw should be well undershot, with

lower jaw protruding well in advance of the upper jaw; tail should be short and hung low and it can either be a straight tail or "screw tail", (partly turned as is a cork-screw). These are just the principal requirements and, if yours is a house pet, should give you some idea of how your dog should appear. The bulldog portrait accompanying my column this month represents an excellent type.

If you own a show dog the chances

are you are informed as to all the other things needful that go to make a good specimen of bulldog. Such faults as the bulldog has, and bear in mind that no breed is perfect, are usually listlessness, short life, susceptibility to heart failure and pulmonary trouble largely due to shortness of nasal passages and occasional difficulty in breathing. Due to the unusually large heads of the puppies, whelping is sometimes difficult.

The Speech of Acceptance

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Think of it as you would your friends. If you gain two friends today, but at the same time lose a good friend of many years, through your own failure or neglect, then your pleasure in the new friends must be dimmed, and your joy in what you have gained must be overshadowed by the realization of what you have *unnecessarily* lost. How much better to both add the new friends, and at the same time make the old friend even a better one.

Faith in Our Order

We believe in Elkdom—you and I. Elkdom is a vital part of our lives, and from its many facets we are daily reaping rich dividends. We sometimes wonder how others could ever think of dropping by the wayside. The fault is ours and we must face it, and we must correct it. We are not fully selling Elkdom to Elks, and most important of all, we are not adequately indoctrinating our new members into all of the wonderful things that make *us* love the Order so much. And that step—the planned and complete indoctrination of new members—must be our major objective in the year ahead.

For those of us who are rounding, or who have passed, the curve of middle age, we must ever be alert to the perspective, the vision, and the enthusiasm of the younger men of our Order. We must also be in position proudly to demonstrate what Elkdom has to offer to the young men who are not yet our Brothers; and then to make young men, in Elkdom, and for America, the most potent force for charity, justice and

brotherly love that the world has ever known.

We must also tell Elkdom's story to the world. Too long, much too long, have we concealed our good deeds behind a veil of secrecy or with a false sense of modesty. Let's make it a point, at least once during this year, to open the doors of each and every lodge, to invite our friends and neighbors, and the strangers in our midst, to see for themselves the good things we do, and the record of which we are so proud.

It should hardly be necessary for me to add that if you don't have something worthwhile, if you don't have something of which you are proud and that you want to share—then, why not? Why not?

We should also, in every week, and during each month, remember that we are now in Elkdom's 90th year, a significant milestone, and a magnificent tribute to the foresight of our founding fathers. In the life of man, 90 ordinarily means dotage, but in the Order of Elks our 90th year shows Elkdom with its greatest vigor and at the greatest peak in all its noteworthy history. More lodges, more members, more enthusiasm, more good deeds, and with a dedication to God and country which furnishes at one and the same time both the horizons that we seek, and the bulwarks upon which we build.

The many activities of which I have heretofore spoken combine to make the overall and continuing program of the Order of Elks, largely planned and directed by these distinguished and dedicated men who have preceded me as

Grand Exalted Ruler, and nobly executed by the energetic and unselfish leaders who have preceded you in your office as Exalted Ruler. **THIS IS ELKDOM'S PROUD RECORD!**

The beneficial results of this generous outpouring of brotherly love go far beyond our membership, and extend into all states and communities, into all walks of life, to our country's veterans, to the deserving youth of our nation, and to the crippled child, and with a tolerant and total indifference as to race, creed or color. **AND THIS IS AMERICA'S RICH REWARD.** We may—and we should—proudly say to the world: **ELKDOM'S RECORD—AMERICA'S REWARD!**

Rewards Must Be Earned

But—a word of caution. This record and its reflected glories is one that you and I have not yet earned, but it is given to us as a sacred heritage, as it were, an Olympic flame, with a challenge that we, in the year ahead, must carry it onward and upward, adding our segment, even bigger and better—so that when this year is finished, we may then point with pride and truly say that it is indeed our record—yours and mine and all who have preceded us—and join in the triumphal chorus, again proclaiming: **ELKDOM'S RECORD—AMERICA'S REWARD!**

In your name and behalf, sustained by your determination and dedication, reaffirming our belief in God and our love of country, I accept this challenge—and with it I accept the office of Grand Exalted Ruler.

State Association News

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Indiana Elks Confer

Dr. Wm. A. Hart, Pres. of the Indiana Elks Assn., opened its 1957 three-day Convention on June 7th, when host E.R. Thomas King of Evansville Lodge extended a welcome to the 756 delegates who also were greeted by Mayor R. Vance Hartke.

On the evening preceding the first day of the session, a caucus for the State officers, Committee Chairmen, Past Presidents and District Deputies took place, and their reports were given at the first business session.

John Jennings of the host lodge was elected President for 1957-58, with Norman Freeland, Greensburg; Leonard Imel, Portland; C. P. Bender, Wabash; Paul Manship, Noblesville, and Gerald Powell, Peru, as Vice-Presidents. C. L. Shideler, Terre Haute, continues his duties as Secy., with J. L. J. Miller of East Chicago remaining as Treas. Trustees of this group are J. F. Callaway, Jeffersonville; Arnold Fitzgerald, Washington; E. M. Aders, Elkhart; R. E. Thompson, Frankfort; Wilbur Lee, New Castle, and Lewis Gerber, South Bend. Appointed officers are Dr. Karl Dickens, Martinsville, Chaplain; Byron Foland, Anderson, Tiler; W. A. Franklin, New Albany, Sgt-at-Arms, and Clayton Moyer, Boston, Inner Guard.

Many social events were enjoyed, including a band concert, a musical show, a dance and the State Banquet at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph B. Kyle introduced the speaker, F. Harold Van Orman, former Lt.-Gov. of Indiana and a P.E.R. of Evansville Lodge. Secy. Shideler presented the other dignitaries in attendance, including Past Pres. William Gresham of the Kentucky Elks Assn., and introduced the famous Mid-States Four of Chicago, Past International Champions of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.-S.A., who entertained. On this occasion, the Ritualistic Award was presented to the Goshen State Championship Team, with second- and third-place honors going to Gary and Vincennes Lodges.

The public was invited to attend the ceremonies when Youth Activities Awards and scholarships were presented, and the Association's donations of \$41,000 to Indiana University Medical Center and \$16,000 to Purdue University's Cancer Research Program were given. These contributions brought to \$520,000 the total amount given by the Indiana Elks to this project during the past decade. The impressive Memorial Service followed this ceremony, with Est. Lect. Knight Charles Sparrenberger of Evansville as eulogist.

The Convention closed with the decision to hold the Fall Meeting at Indianapolis, Sept. 28th and 29th, with the 1958 State Conference at French Lick, May 9th, 10th and 11th.



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For Elks Who Travel

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mew Gosnold, who also had a hand in naming Martha's Vineyard, was given so much cod fish by the Indians he finally had to dump most of the gift overboard. But he named the hook of land Cape Cod. Summer temperatures out here are 10 degrees cooler than the adjacent inland territory and there are some 2,000 hotels, motels, inns, guest houses, cottages and old attic rooms on hand for the summer visitor. There are some 300 miles of beaches which are dandy not only for swimming, but for fishing as well. Two summer theaters, at Falmouth and at Dennis, bring the Broadway stars and there is summer stock, too, at Hyannis, Chatham and Orleans.

The biggest state event of all, though, is across the breadth of the Commonwealth at Lenox, long the home of the Berkshire Music Festival, an annual summer event of fame and popularity that draws throngs to loll over the broad green lawns while the world's great artists play on stage. The Berkshire Festival can be considered one of the forerunners of the run of festivals that now play annually at resorts all over the world. While Lenox is the resort, Pittsfield is the largest city in the Berkshires and the home not only of Oliver Wendell Holmes, but also of that old whaler, Herman Melville.

Tucked in between Massachusetts and Connecticut is little old Rhode Island which has attracted summer visitors out of all proportion to its size. It has two islands that are famous for summer facilities: Block Island, which is also famous for fishing and yachting, and world renowned Newport, which has harbored probably the most concentrated coterie of notables and socialites of any resort in the world. It has rows

and rows of immense mansions set amid flowery bowers, some of them still occupied and functioning on the grand scale and others turned over to religious homes and boarding schools.

The biggest and fanciest is open to anyone who wants to pay \$1.50 to look at it. The house is The Breakers, built by Cornelius Vanderbilt at the end of the century at a cost which has been estimated at anywhere from \$3 to \$10 millions. A phantasmagoria of painted ceilings, alabaster columns, Flemish tapestries, a Napoleonic clavichord, and a kitchen with a 30-foot range, The Breakers is a monument of a passing era. As such it has been preserved through the efforts of the local Preservation Society and through a Vanderbilt daughter, the Countess Szecheny, who still lives there.

The Green Mountains of Vermont offer not only views of its peaceful, healthful green mountains, but also some rather fascinating explorations of its industries. Before marble is refined and fitted to mansions and great halls such as exist in Newport, it has to be quarried. The Rock of Ages quarry offers guided tours from the beginning of May through the end of November. Starting in Barre, Vt., you ride out along Quarry St., past Graniteville to the Rock of Ages. Here you will see a 40-acre vista of granite, with derricks 115 feet high hoisting 50-ton blocks. Not a very cheerful adjunct is the Craftsman Center nearby where skilled "memorial artisans" work on tombstones.

Vermont produces maple syrup, too, and what is billed as the world's largest maple sugar museum is also located at Barre. You can sample maple cream spread, maple candies, watch the movies of a springtime sugaring-off, and tour the plant. Vermont also has summer theater in the Green Moun-

tain Playhouse at Poultney and there is another theater at Stowe which is a resort complete with tennis, golf, fishing, and the tree-shaded, white church atmosphere that is typical New England.

Neighboring New Hampshire offers not only mountains but rugged seashore as well with beaches along the coast at Rye. For those who would rather have their water sweet, Lake Winnepesaukee is the largest lake in New England. It has over 70 square miles of water surface, is sprinkled with hundreds of islands all contained within 300 miles of shoreline.

Stretching eastward out of the New Hampshire border, the state of Maine is a vast vacationland of lakes and shore, of cabins and summer camps. One of the most famous is Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island which was discovered by Champlain as early as 1604. Steamboat service ran from Boston from 1868 until 1934, but summer visitors had started coming in the middle 1800s. Now a ferry service runs between the social resort of Bar Harbor and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, called, with incredible appropriateness, the Bluenose. Anyway, there is climbing and hiking over fine trails, tennis at the hotels, swimming at the lakes and beaches, fishing in the lakes and in the sea, yacht racing virtually every day. There are four yacht clubs on hand. Bar Harbor itself is almost surrounded by Acadia National Park. With its mountains rising almost from the sea, with its green valleys and pine hills and seascapes, this nook is a collection of all Maine has to offer. But the seacoast stretches from Portland to the end of Route 1, and the lakes dapple the way westward through the state and beyond are the mountains and Rangeley Lakes and a hundred summer hours in the rural stillness.

Rod and Gun

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casts have straightened out properly.

The reel, or reels, that you use for bass fishing don't matter much so long as they work. Bass don't make long runs. An automatic reel has advantages. It keeps the slack line out of the way, for one thing. A single-action fly reel is preferred by many, however.

You need a fairly heavy leader to cast a wind-resistant bass bug. I tie my own out of nylon and ordinarily use one nine feet long made up of four feet of 16-pound test, three feet of 13-pound test, and two feet of 10-pound-test nylon. When the water is clear and the bass are shy, I often use one foot less of the 10- and 13-pound test and add two feet of eight-pound-test nylon. The result is a nine-foot leader again, but with a lighter tippet. This second one is usually my choice for fishing a streamer or bucktail, too.

Actually, the tests given above are only approximate. In making leaders it is diameter, not test, that counts, and you can vary each section either way. The important thing is to make your bass leaders heavy in the butt (the section next the line) and maintain a fairly large diameter for about two-thirds of their length. Otherwise they won't straighten on the cast with bugs and large flies.

With few exceptions, the names of good bass bucktails and streamers have not become so well established as those of trout or salmon flies. A bucktail Parmacheene Belle is a good bass fly, as is a Mickey Finn. Aside from these two, I doubt that any of the bass flies in my box has a name. All I want is an assortment of colors through black, gray, brown, and white, with a few bright flies incorporating yellow, red, green, and orange. About nine-tenths of my flies are bucktails, and I like them better than feather streamers be-

cause they are more durable. Most of them are tied on No. 2 hooks, but I also like to have some 4's and 1/0's.

The bass bug story is somewhat like that of flies. Bugs originally were made to look like bugs—insects. Now they resemble frogs, mice, minnows and creatures from Mars. I like a white bug for fishing at night—not so the fish can see it; I think they'd probably see black better—but so I can pick it up with my flashlight when I hook it in the brush.

I do believe, however, that the action of the bug does make a difference. I always have a few cork-bodied poppers—the kind that say, "Bloop," and kick up quite a fuss when I jerk the rod. I also habitually carry a few feather minnows. They have a tapered head and make very little commotion. Sometimes bass prefer a noisy bug; sometimes a quiet one.

Another bug that I like is made of deer hair. It is a good one to fish slowly when the bass are taking deliberately.

They sometimes take a deerhair bug when they won't look at one made of cork. I always hook a good percentage of my strikes on the deerhair bug, too, and I think they don't spit it out so quickly.

Of course, just as is the case with flies, a variety of sizes is desirable. Sometimes you get more strikes on a big bug; sometimes a small one. I ordinarily use a small or medium-size bug because they are easier to cast, but I don't hesitate to give a big one a trial when they fail to produce.

Bug fishing is at its best in ponds, lakes and the backwaters of quiet streams. I like to fish a bug in the morning or evening during hot weather, when the bass are close to shore and feeding on the surface. Several times I have had good luck on rainy days in July.

Streamers and bucktails have worked the best for me in streams, though I have taken lake bass on them too when I couldn't get them on bugs. Ordinarily, however, when I can't take bass from a pond or lake on bugs I change to my casting rod and an underwater lure. The setup is different on a stream, though, particularly when it contains smallmouths.

A smallmouth usually prefers a smaller lure than his more mouthy cousin, and most of the time he wants it deep. Small, sinking plugs are often good. In fact, they're just about standard smallmouth equipment. But many times a bucktail fished close to the bottom is better.

Once, on one of the streams that I

used to fish in New York, I spent the morning trying to catch trout. I didn't do much. In the afternoon, I drove down the river 10 or 15 miles. Here the water was too warm for trout, but it was just right for catching smallmouth bass.

I had a good, old, oil-finished silk line that sank like a rock, and the only change I made in my tackle was to replace my wet trout fly with a small bucktail. Then I started wading downstream, casting across, letting the line sink, and retrieving it with sharp pulls and pauses. It wasn't long before business began to look up.

None of the bass I caught that afternoon was big. I doubt if the largest of them weighed an honest pound, and most of them were between nine and 12 inches long. They were willing, though, and, man, were they wild! A 12-inch smallmouth certainly is the equal of any 12-inch trout, and what angler would sneer at a 12-inch trout? I just had a picnic.

To a large extent, the fun you get from a fish depends on the tackle you're using. These little smallmouths were wonderful sport on my light fly outfit—the same one I used for trout—but they wouldn't have amounted to much if I had hooked them on spinning or bait-casting lures.

This brings us to another good reason for using fly tackle to fish for bass. It is just a whale of a lot of fun. A little bass that would be only an annoyance if you caught him on a plug will give you a thrill when he takes your fly or bug. And a big bass—gentlemen, hush!

Battle Tough—Combat Ready

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Navy could take them. There was a brief pause, while the Pentagon drew up final plans, during which the embarked Marines returned to port. On the 10th of November, as they were sitting down for a special dinner to celebrate the 181st anniversary of the Corps, they were again ordered aboard ship. They sailed within two hours. This battalion remained aboard ship in the Persian Gulf, poised throughout the crisis, to strike through the soft, sandy underbelly of the Mideast, if needed.

In the Mediterranean itself, another Marine Corps unit, the 3d Battalion, 2d Marines, stationed aboard ships with the U. S. Sixth Fleet, had moved into action. At the height of the crisis, the 3d landed near Cairo, with orders to see that approximately 1,500 refugees, mostly Americans, were safely evacuated from Egypt. They went ashore quietly, but prepared for any eventuality. A plan had been drawn up for the Marine unit to advance and hold the Cairo airfield long enough for U. S. planes to land and evacuate U. S. citizens, if it proved necessary (it didn't).

Still another Marine Battalion, the 2d Battalion, 6th Marines, was moved into the Mediterranean, and held in readiness. On the East Coast of the United States, a Marine regiment with its combat equipment was diverted from scheduled maneuvers in North Carolina, and combat-loaded aboard ship. It steamed up and down the coast off Norfolk, ready to rush for the Mediterranean on an instant's notice.

As it turned out, no Marine fired a shot in anger. But the fact that lean leathernecks were on the scene so rapidly and fully prepared to fight with everything from small arms to large battlefield weapons (atomic or conventional) put force behind the U. S. declarations to prevent aggression and restore peace. If Russian "volunteers" had actually appeared—as the Kremlin warned—the full brunt of the 200,000-man Corps could have been brought to bear. Three divisions with air components—the 1st at Camp Pendleton, California, the 2nd, at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and the 3rd, scattered around the Pacific—were fully ready to fight. If shipping could have been



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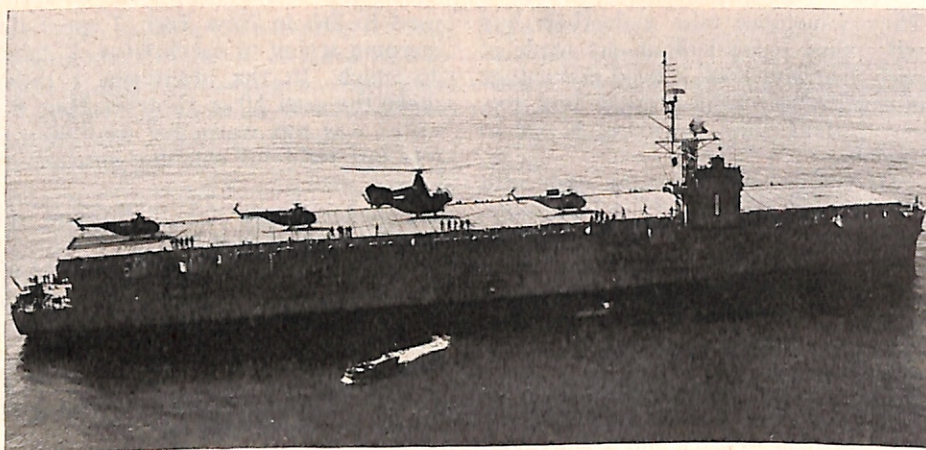
made available in a matter of days, the divisions plus built-in aviation support could have landed in Egypt. Said one top Marine General: "Hell, with one division, we could have licked Nasser and had him in the pokey before he could turn around."

The Suez crisis was a striking test of U. S. military preparedness. The performance of the Marine Corps was superb and it proved—if there was any doubt—that claims by Marine Generals that the Corps is always ready to fight is no idle boast. Marines pride themselves on being ready to fight, *right now*, in any kind of war; police action; brush war, as well as the all-out war either conventional or atomic.

The U. S. Army still thinks in terms of a long build-up and training after a war emergency begins. Not the Marines. Says Commandant Randolph McC. Pate: "The phrase 'ready forces' has been used frequently in the press and in military circles, although the definition assigned to it seems to vary widely. But by *any* definition, the three Marine Combat divisions and three Marine aircraft wings which Congress has provided for are ready *forces* . . . There are no *training* divisions or *training* wings among them—they are all organized and equipped for but one purpose—combat." And they are not sitting around waiting: all Marines assigned to combat units train like beavers the year around, "fighting" in everything from small unit exercises, to realistic full-scale landings. A grim joke at Camp Lejeune: if a Marine is assigned to a unit at a certain point in the training cycle, it is entirely possible for him to spend 18 months of a two-year tour overseas in training, even though assignment to the division is considered Stateside duty.

The peacetime, muscle-hardening Marine training is not usually a monotonous repetition of the standard way of doing battle. Marines traditionally pride themselves on flexible and imaginative tactics. It was due largely to Marine Corps foresight and planning that the technique of amphibious warfare—a decisive tactic of World War II—was ready in time. Had the German General Staff recognized this principle they could have crossed the channel to defeat Britain. Marine aviators were the principal architects in the art of adopting the airplane in support of ground troops. Marines pushed for the bullet-proof vest, and as a result many lives were spared in Korean combat. Today, in peacetime, the Marines are busy working out the details of a radical new concept of atomic warfare centered around the helicopter.

This new doctrine—important to all of us—will provide the Marine Corps with even greater flexibility and readiness to cope with the wide variety of conflicts possible in the atomic age. It can best be understood by first recall-



U. S. Marine Corps Photo.

5th Regiment Marines wait to board helicopters on the Thetis Bay. Helicopter assault force was part of a 4,000-man invasion force assaulting the Camp Pendleton, Calif., reservation late last year as a training operation. The reinforced 5th Marines and units of the 3rd Marine Air Wing executed the air-ground landing exercise. The Navy converted this small carrier to the role of a troop-carrier adapted to the special demands of helicopters.

ing Marine amphibious tactics of World War II.

To wrest a Pacific island from the Japanese was a long drawn-out procedure, fraught with danger and high casualties. The island was first bombed by Navy and Marine Corps airplanes. Immediately prior to the invasion, it was worked over and over again by naval guns from the protecting task force. Then Marines, in landing craft supported by Marine aircraft, stormed ashore amid a withering fire, hoping to seize a foothold on a beach. The assault elements were followed by heavier landing craft loaded with tanks, jeeps, and artillery. Marines were successful in all of their landing attempts. But the battle required a tremendous concentration of men, machines, supplies and ammunition.

IN THE OPINION of most military leaders, the atomic bomb rendered concentrated amphibious assaults obsolete. The Marines were among the first to recognize this fact, and shortly after the war a Board headed by one of the Marines' brightest Generals, Merrill B. Twining, set to work to find a substitute. It was clear that even in an atomic age, a need would exist to seize islands and coastal points, for use as advance bases or missile launching sites for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, or, perhaps, to deny them to enemy forces.

Twining and other members of the Board became fascinated with an unreliable, cranky, temperamental gadget known as the helicopter. Was it possible, they asked, to carry the shock troops ashore in such a monster, land "vertically" behind enemy defenses, and seize key points? If it could be done, they reasoned, the helicopter would offer one decisive advantage. It would put the enemy off-balance. He could no longer expect to be hit only where there were beaches suited to amphibious assault. Overflying enemy

shore defenses, helicopters could land Marines ten, twenty, a hundred miles inland, and on the roughest terrain. It was a promising theory, but it had disadvantages. For one thing, helicopters, in addition to being costly to maintain, and unreliable, could not lift a heavy load. Moreover, they might be highly vulnerable to enemy fire.

In the end, the Twining Board ruled that the advantages outweighed the disadvantages, and the helicopter assault became a permanent and decisive element in Marine Corps strategy. The technique, laboriously perfected in peacetime training exercises, was first tried in combat in Korea, in modified form. It was a complete success—battle-tested the way Marines like to experiment with new concepts. After the Korean conflict had ended, the Marines set about to streamline and lighten the division to fit the limitations of the helicopter. At the same time, Marines persuaded the Navy to convert a small aircraft carrier, the *Thetis Bay*, to the role of a troop-carrier adapted to the helicopter.

The final form of the atomic age Marine Division was revealed not many weeks ago. First, it is smaller, down from 20,854 men to 18,910. The dead weight of the division has been reduced about half, and fuel demands about the same. This was achieved by eliminating the tank and its cumbersome supporting equipment from the division structure. Also gone are heavy 155 mm howitzers. The artillery of the new Marine division will consist of three battalions of 4.2-in (107-mm) mortars, and one battalion of 105-mm howitzers. Comparable firepower can be brought to bear with the smaller-ranged weapons simply by moving them closer to the enemy. There will be no more long-range "outgoing" artillery fire from far behind a fixed front. Enemy tanks will be held in check by the amazing lightweight anti-tank weapon, Ontos, which mounts six 106 recoilless rifles atop a

lightly-armored hull. The entire division is air transportable.

Here is how the new concept would be applied in combat:

After achieving air superiority, Navy and Marine Corps fighters would bomb (conventional or atomic) and strafe the objective. The Naval Task Force, including the helicopter troop carriers, improved versions of the *Thetis Bay*—would stand off some twenty to one hundred miles from the enemy area to be taken. Then, on signal, combat-equipped Marines would rush up from the living quarters of the helicopter-carrier, and clamber aboard the whirlybirds. (New helicopters under test might carry as many as 10 or 12 fully loaded men in one trip.) The choppers, protected by Marine and Navy planes, would thrash in toward the objective. Then, following natural terrain features, the choppers, hugging close to the ground, would zoom overland, and come to earth behind, or perhaps in the midst of, enemy defenses. The Marines would pour out and quickly set up a defensive perimeter. The chopper meanwhile, would return to the ship for more Marines. In a matter of two or three hours, the entire assault wave of the Division—two or three thousand men—could be put ashore. Heavier equipment and supplies could be air dropped, or brought in by other helicopters.

With the enemy now concentrating on the Marines behind him, or in his midst, the Naval Task Force would close the beach. Main elements of the division, combat-loaded into armored amtracs, would move ashore, widely dispersed, crashing inland in the amphibious craft, with the immediate goal of "joining up" with the helicopter-landed assault wave. Behind the amtracs would come larger landing craft laden with tanks and other heavy equipment (if required), which would go ashore as support for the Division. Supplies would be unloaded onto special docks; fuel would be automatically pumped ashore from tankers through a mobile

pipe-line. The object would be to seize the enemy area as quickly as possible, with little damage. Explains a Marine: "We're taking this place so we can use it. No use destroying it".

Some critics of this doctrine have challenged the elimination of the tank, particularly in light of the large number of tanks known to be in possession of the Soviet forces. But Marines say that the control of the air they must first gain to make an amphibious assault possible automatically gives them the power to wipe out mass movements of hostile armor. They say new weapons such as recoilless rifles and rockets will be sufficient to deal with the tanks Marine aircraft miss. Moreover, the Marines say many of their operations will occur in darkness, or partial darkness, when tanks operate less effectively, and could even be considered a liability to the enemy. Other critics say that a well-placed long-range enemy missile with a nuclear warhead could obliterate the entire operation. Says a Marine: "If they did that, they would take their own men with them, and the base would be lost anyhow."

Development of the new Marine atomic warfare tactics doesn't put the Marines into competition with the Army. The Marines have always been America's specialists in attacking the land from the sea, and in defending it from seaborne assault. Like their work as seaborne world-wide police, this war job ties in closely with the sea and the Navy, of which they have been a part. Since early in the 1930's the Army has recognized the Marines' primacy in amphibious skill. Even when Army troops have spearheaded landings, it's been the Marines who provided the amphibious know how, and developed the equipment. In fact, the Marines have been helping the Army this way since Washington called on them to lend a hand crossing the Delaware.

The Marines have helped the Army fight big land battles in many wars, but they leave wholly to the Army the major problems of continental land warfare;

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Marine strength has always been a fraction of the Army's. In World War II the Marines had six divisions to the Army's ninety. Today they have three to the Army's nineteen.

If the proportion of Marine to Army strength now seems large, it's because of new world conditions. Since World War II America has become the world's greatest sea power. The Communist bloc is a huge land power, rimmed on three sides by a fringe of free nations lying between the Reds and the seas. If America is to get to the aid of such nations, and to get at the Communist heartland from all possible angles, the sea offers the best and most numerous approaches. As a result, strategy and geography combine to give the Marine Corps of today an unprecedented importance.

The Marine Corps boasts a proud and illustrious history of combat readiness. Founded in 1775 (allegedly in Tun Tavern on the Philadelphia waterfront), the "Old Corps" was modeled along the lines of the British Marines. The first leathernecks served aboard U. S. naval vessels, to lend a tough, fearless hand to U. S. sailors. Marines fought in all of the 13 major naval engagements in the Revolutionary War. American novelist James Fenimore Cooper, writing from first-hand experience, said: "The Marines impart to a ship of war, in great degree, its high military character".

Marines were very much in evidence when U. S. naval vessels sailed into the blue waters of the Caribbean in 1798 to do battle with the French. In the War of 1812, two Marines were killed on the *Constitution* when she earned her nickname "Old Ironsides" by battering the British *Guerriere* into surrender. In New Orleans, leathernecks played a key role in Andrew Jackson's defeat of seasoned British troopers who had only recently overwhelmed Napoleon at Waterloo. During the Mexican War, Marines joined up with Army troops to storm the citadel of Chapul-

tepec, outside Mexico City, and a scene of the battle, "The Halls of Montezuma" was immortalized in the Marine Corps Hymn.

A Marine battalion under Army General MacDowell gave one of the few good performances on the Union side in the Civil War's first battle, Bull Run. General Grant called on the Marines during his campaign against Vicksburg. Other Marines spearheaded East Coast landings that sealed the South from the sea. Marines were aboard the battleship *Maine* when she was blown up in Havana Harbor in 1897. In World War I, the 4th Marine Brigade was assigned to the Army's 2nd Division. These Marines, shipped with the first convoy of U. S. troops to sail for France, were in place in time to help block the all-out German drive toward Paris in 1918. They fought so bravely and fearlessly in the bloody battle for Belleau Wood that the Frenchmen renamed it "le bois de la Brigade de la Marine" in their honor. Marine aircraft participated in the few bombing attacks against the Germans.

In peacetime, Marines were amazingly busy with a variety of minor chores that kept them battle-tough and combat-ready. In the early days, they roved the seven seas, rooting out pirates that preyed on American merchantmen. Ashore, other Marines marched to the four corners of the U. S. to help put down Indian uprisings. In 1871, a small force of Marines landed in Korea to insure the country of a free government. For almost a hundred years, small contingents of Marines manned outposts in China, dealing with problems raised first by the Imperialists, then bandits, and, later, Communists. Marines were active in the Caribbean and Central America during the nineteen twenties and thirties hunting down savage bandits and outlaws. Most of the Marine Corps' history had been compiled by an amazingly small number of men. For the first century of its existence, the Marine Corps never num-

WEST VIRGINIA ELKS MOURN W. H. CRAZE

WILLIAM H. CRAZE, prominent member of Morgantown, West Virginia, Lodge, No. 411, passed away May 13th.

Initiated into his lodge in February of 1932, Mr. Craze served as its Exalted Ruler ten years later, and again in 1951. In 1952-53, Sam Stern, as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order, appointed Mr. Craze as his District Deputy for the Central section of West Virginia.

Last August, at the State Association Convention in Parkersburg, Mr. Craze was elected President of the organization and held that office at his death.



bered more than 3,000. On the eve of World War II, the Marine Corps was actually smaller than the New York police force.

To fulfill World War II missions of seizing advance naval bases, the Marine Corps swelled enormously to nearly 500,000 men, organized in six divisions and six air wings. Marines slugged their way ashore on enemy-held islands more than one hundred times, utilizing the modern technique of "amphibious assault" which Marines had developed in the thirties. When Marines landed on Guadalcanal, they became the first American troops to launch an offensive against the Axis. The names of Tarawa, Pelilu, Guam, Saipan and Iwo Jima were permanently and proudly etched in Marine Corps' and our own national history. In the eyes of the U. S. public, Marines, who had suffered over 86,000 casualties in the Pacific, came to be regarded as a major fighting force, almost a separate branch of the armed services.

IN THE EYES of many Army generals, the Marine Corps had grown into a second land army and shortly after the war, they set about to put it back into its place. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was among those who felt the Marine Corps should be reduced to a "police force". In a paper, he wrote: "The emergency development of the Marine forces during this war should not be viewed as assigning the Navy a nominal function of land warfare, fundamentally the primary role of the Army. . . . Once Marine units attain such a size they are assuming and duplicating the functions of the Army and we have in effect two land armies." Ike recommended that "Marine units not exceed the regiment in size", and that the whole Corps be held to a force of about 50,000 men, with future major amphibious assaults conducted by the Army. Marine Commandant Clifton B. Cates growled back: "The Marine Corps emerged from the last war feeling that it had performed creditably . . . Thus it came as a great surprise to find ourselves at the war's end placed almost in the capacity of a culprit or a defendant".

In June of 1950 the Army generals had all but achieved their objective. During the economy reign of Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, the Marine Corps dwindled in strength to a force of 74,000 men. Marines were starved for money and equipment. In Johnson's office there was talk of abolishing the Marine Corps outright.

This attitude changed overnight when the Communists invaded South Korea. As the Reds drove south, MacArthur dispatched an urgent appeal for Marines. Within five days, all available combat Marines had been pressed into a Marine Brigade, which sped to Korea, arriving in time to help prevent

the collapse of the Pusan Perimeter. In the meantime, in one of the most rapid and orderly mobilizations in the history of the military, Marine reserves were called up for service. By September 15, the First Marine Division—more than 20,000 men—had been whipped into shape, and it spearheaded the invasion at Inchon, the encircling movement that destroyed the North Korean Army as an organized fighting force. When the Chinese entered the war, Marines ordered into the Chosin Reservoir, against their will, were trapped. However, they conducted a masterful retreat, bringing out their wounded and most of their equipment. Later the Division went on to hold down a major segment of the front and was not withdrawn from Korea until after the armistice was signed.

During the Korean phase, the Marine Corps expanded to about 250,000 men. To insure its future status, Marine sympathizers in Congress; Senator Paul Douglas (a former Marine), and Congressman James P. S. Devereux (Marine hero of Wake Island), rammed through a bill that put a "floor" of three divisions and three air wings under the Marine Corps. The law also called for Marine Corps representation on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, when matters affecting the Marines were under consideration. The bill had been bitterly opposed by the Defense Department, the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Although the law had guaranteed the Marine Corps three divisions and three air wings, it did not specify the number of Marines that would man these units. Since Korea, the Marine Corps has been steadily squeezed in size. Today it numbers some 200,000 men. Marine Generals have said that this is the absolute rock-bottom minimum. Any further cuts, and Marine Combat units will lose a measure of readiness and training, the very factors that make them invaluable men to have around. Yet, there are signs that the Department of Defense, obsessed, or perhaps burdened, with the incredibly expensive guided missile programs, may impose further restrictions on the Marines. This would be a violation of the intent of Congress, which believes, missiles or no missiles, that a strong, ready Marine Corps is needed, as one top Marine has put it, "to fill the gap between diplomacy and the dropping of hydrogen bombs".

Says Marine Commandant Pate: "The man on the ground with a rifle and the warship in the harbor are tangible symbols of the power of the United States of America. But the threat of nuclear attack, like the high altitude bomber that backs it up, is impossible to see with the naked eye. It is like the electric chair; not like the policeman on the corner".

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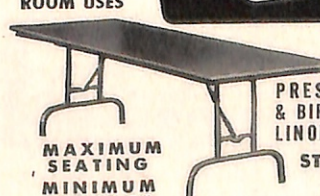
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ing the public that crookedness would not be tolerated on the field, but he performed an equally vital function of protecting the owners—over their half-dead bodies—from their short-sightedness and conniving.

Shortly after Landis assumed the commissioner's job, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision that seemed to give organized baseball a free hand to run its affairs as it jolly well pleased. That was the famous opinion of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who held the game was outside the scope of anti-trust laws. Contrary to popular belief, the reserve clause was not the direct issue before the Court. The S.C. got into the box score under Holmes' ruling concerning the general operation of baseball.

The case in point was a suit brought by the defunct Federal League against organized baseball for alleged conspiracy in restraint of trade. The Federal League had been founded in 1914 as a third major circuit but it folded in 1915 after sustaining heavy financial losses due largely to its inability to lure top-flight players away from the National and American Leagues. The Federals claimed pressure was brought on the players to prevent them from jumping to the new league. A lower court awarded the Federal League damages of \$240,000. The verdict was reversed by the Court of Appeals and when the case was carried to the Supreme Court the reversal was upheld.

Justice Holmes, speaking for the majority opinion, held that baseball was purely intrastate in character although teams freely crossed state lines. He compared a squad of ballplayers to a New York law firm sending experts to Illinois to argue a case. The crux of Holmes' decision was, in effect, that baseball was not a business. Although he conceded that the game was played for money, he stated it "would not be called trade, or commerce, in the commonly accepted use of the words."

Baseball people were jubilant, of course, but Landis was too intelligent to ignore the possibility of future challenges to Holmes' opinion. Maybe Landis did not foresee the day a franchise would be worth five million dollars, a club would gross three million dollars a year and a single World Series would be a \$3,250,000 TV package. But Landis knew baseball was big business and he realized the players' welfare had to be protected if the game was to receive special dispensation under the law in a later, more enlightened generation.

Digging behind the fancy façade of the big leagues, Landis found widespread abuses of the players' rights as the reserve clause was applied then. Jack Dunn, owner of the Baltimore Orioles in the old International League,

had a tremendous team that won seven straight pennants between 1919 and 1925. Among his stars were Lefty Grove, George Earnshaw, Max Bishop and Joe Boley, who later helped the Philadelphia Athletics wrap up three pennants in a row in the American League. Dunn, a wealthy man able to afford the luxury of refusing big prices for his players, could have kept Grove and others in the minors indefinitely.

Reforms of Landis

Landis forced the owners to liberalize the rules governing the careers of players who were denied fair opportunities for advancement to the big leagues. That was the glaring weakness in the structure of organized baseball and Landis introduced reforms designed to forestall future attacks on it.

One common abuse practiced by virtually every big-league team was "covering up" good prospects to protect themselves at the expense of the players. Let's assume the Yankees signed Joe Muscles, a hard-hitting sandlot first baseman, in 1924, the same year Lou Gehrig broke into the majors.

Joe was sent to a Yankee farm team for development and three years later was ready for the big-time. Ten major-league teams could have used Joe and paid him twice or triple the salary he was getting down on the farm, but he could not capitalize on his ability because he was the property of the Yankees. They owned him, body and soul, and they kept him on ice in the minors just in case Gehrig was incapacitated by injury or illness. You know

what happened to Joe and perhaps a half-dozen other first basemen in the Yankee organization. They withered on the vine waiting for their chance. When it came, they were too old to take advantage of it.

A plan was evolved by Landis whereby a player had to be given a shot at a major-league job within four years after signing a contract. In the event he failed to make the grade after that apprenticeship, he could be sent out on option to the minors for three more years, but he had to be paid the minimum major-league salary. If the team holding his contract did not keep him on the major-league roster at the expiration of the seven-year period, he was subject to draft by any other club at a fixed, reasonable price. It was a complicated setup and owners who rendered lip service to Landis' reforms resorted to all sorts of subterfuges to get around the rules.

For example, players could be covered up by loading one subsidiary with the top talent in a farm system. Under Landis' rules, only one man a year could be drafted from any given team. That was—and still is—a necessary provision to prevent wholesale raids on independently owned franchises unaffiliated with major-league outfits. Some owners exploited that loophole by concentrating their best optioned players on one farm team. They might lose one good prospect, but twenty more were immune to the draft. That dodge enabled teams like the Cardinals, Yankees, Dodgers and Tigers, who controlled more than 400 players apiece before



This photograph, submitted to us by Richmond, Calif., Lodge, gives ample evidence of its staff photographers' efforts to follow the suggestions for securing better lodge pictures which were offered by the Eastman Kodak Company in a very helpful article appearing in the April issue. While ordinarily we would not be able to publish this picture, since it shows E.R. Dan Ready and his corps of officers on installation night, we couldn't resist the opportunity to show proof of the fact that by using a little imagination, good lighting and proper lens openings, it is possible to get away from the stereotyped, run-of-the-mill posing of a group of men, with very pleasing results.

World War II, to cover up scores of potential big-leaguers every season.

Landis vigorously prosecuted his employers, the owners, who violated the code. In 1939 he found the Cardinals and Tigers guilty of illegal manipulation of contracts and in one fell swoop declared 89 of their players free agents. One was Pete Reiser, who signed with the Dodgers and emerged two years later as the National League batting champion. Another ruling by Landis cost the Indians the services of Tommy Henrich, the Yankees' Old Reliable for fifteen years. Throughout his tenure, Landis fought the owners to give the players a break and to temper the onerous aspects of the reserve clause.

Mexican Venture

Baseball ditched the wise precedent set by Landis after his death in 1944 and promptly blundered into a jam during Happy Chandler's regime. The top brass ignored legal advice and blacklisted for life some twenty players who jumped their contracts to accept Jorge Pascal's fancy salaries in the Mexican League. Two years later the Mexican venture folded and the players who had gone south of the border applied for reinstatement, posing a ticklish problem for the game.

The barred players threatened to sue organized baseball for depriving them of their right to earn a living if the ban was not lifted. That meant the legality of the reserve clause would have to be defended in court—a test Landis always had avoided. The owners backtracked and reinstated all the contract jumpers except the Giants' Danny Gardella, who already had brought suit. A cash settlement was made with Gardella. Anything to keep out of court.

The most serious attack on the reserve clause was launched in 1952 by Representative Emanuel Celler of New York, who investigated baseball for possible anti-trust violations. Nothing came of the hearings, but Celler is a tenacious man who has been shaking a big stick at monopolies for more than a quarter of a century. In anticipation of another assault by Celler, baseball intensified its house-cleaning under Ford Frick.

The last vestiges of cover-ups were rooted out. The reserve clause was liberalized to the point where it is now enforced, by tacit agreement, only within the structure of organized baseball. Many big-league teams don't approve of rookies playing winter ball in the Caribbean, but they raise no objection if a kid wants to pick up extra money that way. No action is taken against anyone who quits a team to play with an industrial outfit or in one of the many so-called outlaw leagues in the United States, Canada and Latin America. A jumper can return to the team owning his contract without prejudice or penalty.

Celler's time-bomb exploded with a

loud noise last winter when the Department of Justice brought charges of monopoly against four sports. The Supreme Court ordered the International Boxing Club to cease and desist from signing champions and top contenders to "exclusive contracts," the device by which it cornered the best fights in sight. That decision did not disturb baseball people too much because boxing is a sordid racket bearing no relation to their operation. They did go into a tailspin, however, when the Court ruled that professional football and basketball, which also have the reserve clause, were subject to anti-trust legislation.

That decision struck perilously close to home and seemed to portend a similar ruling against baseball. The football and basketball crowd hollered blue murder and demanded the same consideration given baseball since Justice Holmes' famous opinion in 1922. Why discriminate against them, they reasoned, when the reserve clause was sanctioned in baseball?

Justice Felix Frankfurter took cognizance of their argument and conceded the Court's ruling appeared "illogical" in view of the fact that baseball was exempt from the same restrictions. The Supreme Court passed the buck and told Congress to clarify its attitude toward baseball in forthcoming hearings. It advised Congress to enact remedial legislation if baseball was found to be a monopoly, and that's how the situation stands now.

And No Bonus

For the guidance of all sports fans, one important difference should be noted between baseball and pro football and basketball. An indefensible aspect of the two other games is the draft list by which teams acquire players. As you probably know, outstanding college seniors in both sports are thrown into one big pool at the end of the season and are assigned arbitrarily to the teams selecting them. A boy who wants to play pro football or basketball has no freedom of choice in weighing offers for his services.

The Number 1 college football player in the country last year was Notre Dame's Paul Hornung, winner of the Heisman Trophy. Hornung undoubtedly could have commanded a fat bonus on an open market, but he was drafted by the Green Bay Packers. As a consequence, he must play for the Packers, at their price, if he wants to play at all. By the same token, Wilt the Stilt Chamberlain, the 7:3 basketball phenom, was earmarked as the property of the Philadelphia Warriors even before he entered the University of Kansas last September. Without the draft, Chamberlain probably could get \$25,000 for affixing his signature to a contract.

A major point in favor of baseball is that the players do have freedom of choice when embarking on their ca-

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reers. A kid can elect to go with any organization he chooses, and if he shows unusual promise he can collect a cushy bonus from the highest bidder. Cleveland gave Billy Joe Davidson, a high school pitcher, \$125,000 for signing several years ago and Pittsburgh enriched Paul Pettit, another beardless youth, to the tune of \$100,000. (Incidentally, neither kid ever saw the light of day in a big-league box score.) Although baseball bonuses in excess of \$10,000 are relatively rare, the fact still remains that a player does exert some control over his future when he signs his first contract.

Protection of individual rights will take precedence over baseball's plea that it cannot continue to function without the reserve clause when and if new laws are enacted pertaining to the game. That's only proper, yet Congress and the Department of Justice have no desire to wreck baseball or any other legitimate activity. Both branches of government will give consideration to the contention that it is in the public interest to make some exceptions for the special nature of a baseball operation.

They Don't Mind

It is significant that the players are satisfied with the reserve clause as it is administered now. Their representatives, who meet regularly with Frick and the owners' executive committee to air grievances concerning salaries and working conditions, never have brought up the reserve clause as an issue. A survey of the Boston Red Sox earlier this season revealed practically unanimous approval of the present setup. Jackie Jensen's comment summed up the team's general attitude.

"I think the reserve clause looks better and better the longer a guy is in baseball," Jensen said. "If the government throws it out the owners will have to come up with some plan similar to it for their own and our protection. An open market for players would be a vicious circle. I don't want to have to go shopping around every year not knowing how much money I'm going to make."

Ballplayers can be divided into three categories—stars, rookies and journeymen. No one, not even Congressman Celler, believes the stars who earn \$25,000 or more are exploited by the despotic owners. The big boys are doing all right and they always will. Their batting and pitching records give them more bargaining power than any law can guarantee. Ted Williams and Stan Musial haven't been on a pennant-winner since 1946, but they are getting \$100,000 and \$80,000 a year, respectively, the top pay in their leagues.

Critics who claim the reserve clause compels players to accept salaries decided at the whim of the owners are talking palpable nonsense. Sure, there

are holdouts every year. In baseball, as in every line of work, the employee tries to get as much as he can and the employer tries to hold down the payroll. Both parties invariably reach a satisfactory compromise in baseball. The proof of it is that no major-leaguer has held out for an entire season in thirty years.

Rookies are better protected by the ancient law of supply and demand than man-made legislation can provide for them. Good talent is so scarce nowadays that most kids get a big-league try-out after three years of professional experience. An established salary of \$6,000 is eminently fair in any field for a tyro who has not yet proved his ability to hold a job. To be sure, wages and living conditions in the lower leagues are miserable, but the blunt truth is that baseball in the bushes is a losing proposition financially. Every loop below Class A would fold tomorrow without the support of major-league teams, which absorb the losses as part of their player development programs.

The bulk of major-league players are the journeymen, the so-so performers who are the chief beneficiaries of the reserve clause. If they shop for jobs every year, as Jensen suggests, they will be hurt where they live, in the hip pocket, rather than helped by negotiating with owners as free agents.

Under the present system of continuity in a team's personnel, the journeyman who hits around .270 or turns in eight to ten pitching victories a season is virtually assured of steady raises until he reaches the \$12,500-\$15,000 level. That's standard procedure to bolster team morale and give the players an incentive for hustling, and it applies to second-division outfits as well as the contenders.

You'd be astonished if you knew how

negligible the difference in payrolls is between, let's say, the Reds and Pirates or the White Sox and Athletics. An average wage scale reflects average ability. Journeymen comprise the bulk of most teams, even the Yankees. Only four men—Berra, Mantle, MacDougald and Ford—have played vital roles in the Yankees' recent successes. They would have won just as many pennants with any one of three or four men in the league filling in at each of the remaining positions.

A uniform policy also applies to salary cuts as well as raises. A cut rarely is made except in the case of a high-priced star approaching the end of his career. A journeyman who has had a bad year receives the same salary the following season. If he falls down again, the prevailing practice is to let him go rather than reduce his pay because it doesn't help team spirit to have a disgruntled player on the squad.

"All contracts signed by major-leaguers pass through my office," Frick reveals, "and no more than one per cent a year call for less money."

Assume the reserve clause is eliminated and players are free to negotiate with any team they choose. The stars can write their own tickets and the rookies will get the minimum until they prove their worth. They leaves 75 per cent of the players, the journeymen, on the market. They will try to hook on with one of the top teams, of course, but there are just so many places on a squad. What happens to a man who goes down the line and can't land a job until he gets to the seventh- and eighth-place clubs? He'll have to take whatever he is offered because nothing else is open.

Instead of the average \$13,800 he is getting now he may have to settle for

VETERAN WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA, ELK PASSES AWAY

FOLLOWING a long illness, Charles Daniel Ray, a member of Watertown, S. D., Lodge, No. 838, since 1908, passed away May 15th at his home. He was 86 years of age.

Deeply interested and active in civic projects, Mr. Ray was prominent for his record of community service. A Past Exalted Ruler of his lodge which he served as Secretary from 1911 until 1938, he had also acted as Secretary to James G. McFarland during the latter's term as Grand Exalted Ruler in 1923-24. Mr. Ray received an Honorary Life Membership in his lodge in March of 1938.

In addition to his Elk activities, Charles Ray had been a member of the Masonic Order since 1892, and served as Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for 21 years, later receiving an honorary membership plaque.

He is survived by his wife, son, sister and two grandsons.



Charles Daniel Ray

\$8,000. Instead of some semblance of job security as long as he retains his skills, he will have to go through the dreary routine of scrambling for a job every year. The journeyman won't do any better as a free agent and he may do a lot worse.

Restraint of trade fostered by the reserve clause is the chief charge brought against baseball. Congress must consider the consequences of removing that restraint—at the cost of killing competition on the field and interest at the gate. This is where the public has a stake in the future of the game. If teams are permitted to bid for players on the open market, baseball will cease to be a competitive sport. It will be a glorified bookkeeping operation in which one or two rich owners in each league will pick up all the marbles.

Money will be the determining factor in the disposition of pennants, not initiative and scouting judgment. The Yankees and Red Sox will dominate the American League and the Cubs and Phillies will lord over the National League if Messrs. Wrigley and Carpenter care to take the rubber bands off their bankrolls. Teams such as the Braves, Redlegs and White Sox, once mired deep in the second division, won't have a prayerful chance of building up to a contending position with trades and players nurtured in farm systems. Wealthy owners who can pay the best salaries will monopolize the best players.

Most of the fun and excitement in baseball is watching a team develop into a pennant-winner and rooting for a favorite player. Continuity of fan interest is the backbone of a team's support. That will go by the boards if the reserve clause is knocked out.

This Could Happen

Let's project into the future the situation that came up this season when the Redlegs learned Ted Kluszewski, their powerhouse first baseman might be lost for the season with a back injury. Cincinnati figures it has a good chance for the pennant if a top-flight replacement for Kluszewski can be acquired. Brooklyn's Gil Hodges looks like the ideal solution to the problem, so Cincinnati offers him \$5,000 more than the Dodgers paid him last season. It's a fine deal for the club and the player. Cincinnati gets pennant insurance while weakening the team it has to beat and Hodges, who hasn't too many good years left, cashes in before it's too late.

What is Brooklyn doing in the meantime? Left field always has been a weak spot on the Dodgers. The man playing that position for the Redlegs is Frank Robinson, voted the outstanding rookie in the league in 1956. As a sophomore Robinson is offered \$12,000 by Cincinnati. Brooklyn boosts the ante to \$20,000. Suddenly Cincinnati, which thought it was all set for the season,

has a gaping hole in left field. Neither club is in better shape than it was before the lineups were scrambled. In the confusion, each club has lost a hometown favorite.

Perhaps the most harmful effect of a free market for players would be the damage to the integrity of the game. Take a hypothetical situation which comes up constantly. Milwaukee is battling for the pennant and meets Pittsburgh in the last week of the season. With the score tied in the ninth inning, Dick Groat, the Pittsburgh shortstop, makes an error that enables Milwaukee to win the game and, as things turn out, the pennant. The next season Groat signs with Milwaukee. You know how fans are. There will be rumors of collusion, of murky goings-on under the bridge at midnight. Ball-players inevitably make errors and strike out in crucial games. Each incident will be suspect by the fans to the detriment of the game's honesty.

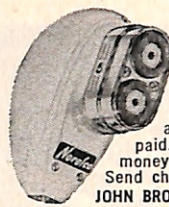
The Other Twenty-seven

The two major leagues may conceivably survive without the reserve clause, but twenty-seven minor leagues throughout the country will collapse, abruptly and irrevocably. As we have pointed out, minor-league baseball exists only because it is subsidized by the majors as incubators of new talent. Fresno Thompson, vice-president of the Dodgers, estimates that a rookie brought up to the majors through a farm system represents an investment of approximately \$50,000 in salary, bonus payment and loss on the cost of operating subsidiaries.

No big-league team will continue to sink money in rookies if it has no assurance of keeping them. Why spend \$50,000 to develop a player who is free to go with a competitor just when he is ready to return a dividend on the investment? The end of the reserve clause also means the end of bonuses for young players and, above all, the end of opportunities to learn a lucrative trade in the minors.

To paraphrase Jackie Jensen, the deeper you get into the ramifications of baseball the better the reserve clause looks for the survival of the game and the protection of the players. People who don't know the difference between a pop-up and pop-off are agitating for the emancipation of the princely peons, blandly ignoring the imminent danger of killing the goose that lays golden, \$13,800 eggs for six months of work in the spotlight of nationwide publicity.

Baseball should welcome a show-down on the reserve clause. It has nothing to hide from Congress, a body of reasonable men whose function is to enact laws that promote the general welfare. Players and fans are satisfied with the reserve clause. That's the principal mandate that should—and will—influence Congress.



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WORKSHOP

It's easy to fix or alter Venetian blinds

BY HARRY WALTON

FOR all their smart appearance and sophisticated action, Venetian blinds are fairly simple. On these hot, sunny days it is especially desirable to have them in good working order. If they aren't you can put them to rights with the commonest of household tools.

WOOD-SLAT BLINDS differ from steel and aluminum blinds in several minor ways. One is the method of taking the blind down, which is necessary for most repair work. The wooden blind has a front or fascia board. You pull the top of this down toward you (its bracket is hinged at the bottom) and the board can then be slid out. Next, you pull the entire head rail (on which everything else is mounted) right out of its window brackets. It then appears as in Figure 1.

METAL-SLAT BLINDS have a metal head box, and instead of the tilt rail you find in wooden blinds, this houses a tilt shaft with small drums to which the tapes are fastened. To remove a metal-slat blind from the window, first open the front of the mounting brackets.

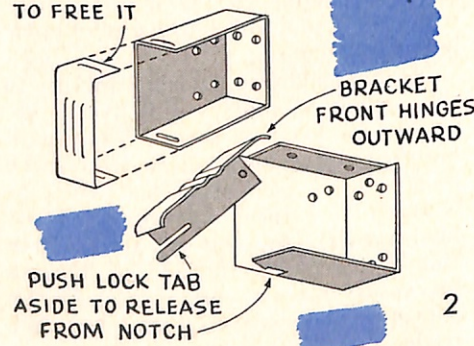
In some cases you must pry off a vertical clip, while in others you press a lock tab aside and swing the front of the bracket up. Both are shown in Figure 2. The entire head box is then pulled forward out of the brackets.

CLEANING SOILED BLINDS is easy if they have metal slats. Holding

them by the head box, plunge slats, tapes and cords into a mild soap-and-warm-water solution. A laundry tub or even the bathtub can be used. Do not leave blinds to soak. Rinse them, shake off excess water gently, and hang them to dry where drip-off will do no harm—on the shower curtain rod, for example. Tie two loops of twine around the rod and slip one on each end of the head box to suspend the blind.

Tapes will shrink very little, but if

PRY UP EDGE OF CLIP
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the blind is already on the short side you may want to tie a weight to the bottom rail to keep them stretched.

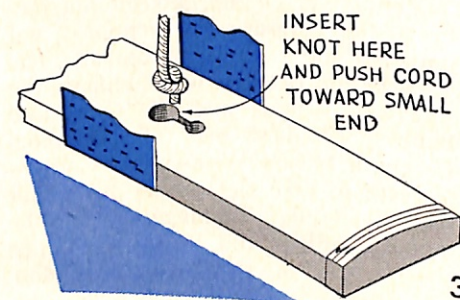
Wooden slats are likely to warp if washed this way. It is best to take soiled cotton tapes off and launder them separately, or replace them with new ones. Plastic tapes can be cleaned simply by wiping them with a wet sponge.

HOW THE CORDS RUN. Figure 1 shows how the lift cord is threaded; both sides of the loop pass through the cord lock and over a double pulley just beyond. Inside the head box, or above the head rail in wood-slat blinds, the cord divides, each side passing over a single pulley or through a smooth-sided hole and down through the slats inside one of the tapes. Both ends of the cord

are fastened to the bottom rail, which therefore picks up all the slats when the lift cord is pulled.

The tilt cord is a single length that passes around a pulley or drum on the tilt mechanism. In some blinds the section running over the mechanism consists of bead chain, but the principle is the same. Pulling either end of the cord rotates the pulley or drum, and through a worm and gear tilts the tilt rail or the shaft to which the tapes are attached.

REPLACING FRAYED CORDS. To install new lift cords, first unfasten the old ones from the bottom rail. In wooden blinds they are held by a knot under this rail. Undo the knot to free them. Metal bottom rails may have a keyhole slot as in Figure 3. Push the

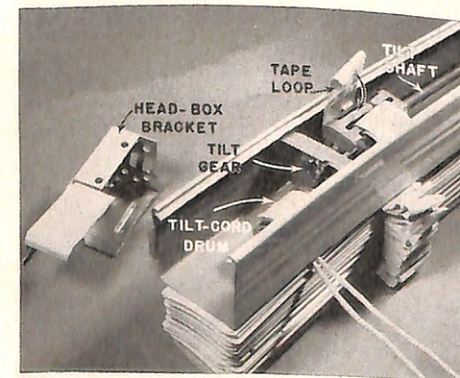


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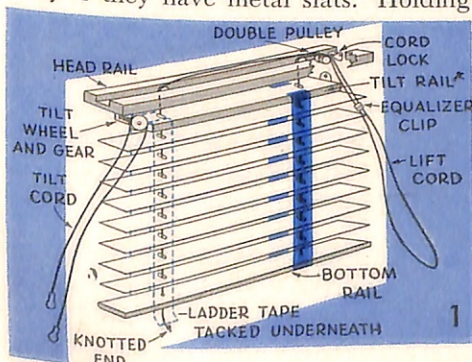
cord toward the big end of this and you will be able to pull the knot out. Other metal rails have clips that you must pry off to release the cord from retaining lugs inside.

The easiest way to install new cord is to splice it to the old. Sew or tape one end of the new cord to the unknotted left-hand end of the old in such a way that there are no knots or bumps. Then pull on the side of the outer lift loop that draws the new cord up (Figure 4) until all but a few inches has disappeared. Next, pull down the right-hand side of the old cord from the bottom rail, until the splice appears. If the cord lock tends to jam as you do this, hold the toothed segment away from the cord with a screwdriver.

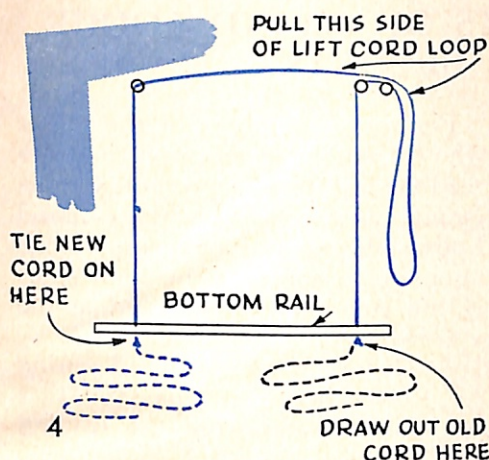
Pull out excess cord until the lift loop is at about shoulder height. Then



An inside view of the head box of a metal-slat blind. Looped tape ends are slid onto the long lug first, and then back on the short ones. The bracket is the type with a lock tab shown in Figure 2.



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cut off the extra length of new cord below the bottom rail, tie knots in both ends and fasten them to this rail in the same way as the old cord was.

RENEWING TILT CORDS. Pull the knots out of the tassels, undo them, and draw off the tassels. Lift the cord off the tilt wheel or unwind it from the drum. Put the new cord on, slip its ends through the tassels, and tie knots. Then pull the tassels over the knots. If there were stops on the old cord, locate them at the same spots on the new one.

NEW TAPES FOR OLD. Buy new tapes (which come with the crosswise ladders attached) to suit the width of your slats. Metal slats are 2" wide, but wood slats come in three widths.

The tapes are tacked to wooden tilt and bottom rails. On metal bottom rails, they are held by clips or on slotted lugs which are exposed after you pry off the clips. Remove tapes from such lugs by sliding them one way until they can be slipped out of the slot.

Unfasten or free the lift cords also. Pull them up through all the slats but not out of the head rail; simply loop them back above the topmost slat.

Now slide out all the slats. Professionals remove metal slats by grasping them all by one hand in the middle, and pulling them down and out. This is a good time to sponge the slats clean.

Take the old tapes off and cut the new ones to exactly the same length. Also cut out as many ladders at both ends as were removed from the old tape. To tack tapes onto wood rails, fold over a little of each end and tack through the doubled thickness. To fasten tapes to slotted lugs, fold and pin, sew or staple the ends to form a hem or loop as shown in the photo.

After fastening the new tapes to the lower rail, insert the slats. Then thread the lift cord through the holes in the slats. Note that the tape ladders are not on the center line of these holes, but alternately on one side and then the other. Do not try to force the cord to run on the same side of all the ladders. See Figure 5.

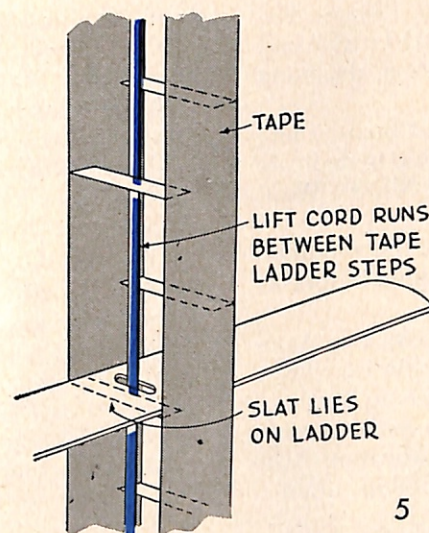
Refasten the lift cords to the bottom rail and, if you have cut the new tapes to equal length, your blind will work

just about as well as it ever did. **REPLACING DAMAGED SLATS** is an even easier job. New slats can be bought from dealers. It is a good idea to take the broken one along to obtain as close a match as possible.

Loosen the lift cords at the bottom rail, but pull them up only just above the slat to be replaced. Take out the damaged one, slide in the new, thread the cord back and refasten it.

If blinds are extra long, you can take a slat off the bottom to replace a damaged one. To preserve the appearance, it is desirable to shorten the tapes as described below.

SAVE MONEY ON BLINDS by buying standard lengths and shortening



them yourself. Custom-made blinds made to special lengths cost so much more that this is well worth doing.

To shorten blinds, unfasten the tapes and lift cords from the bottom rail only. Remove unwanted slats (which should be saved for possible replacement of damaged ones) and cut both tapes to correct length. Be sure to allow enough extra for nailing or rehemming to fasten them with. If the lift loop is awkwardly long, pull excess cord out at the bottom, cut it off, and refasten the new end.

IF SLATS RISE CROOKEDLY, draw up the low side by pulling on only

one side of the lift loop. Holding the cords fast in this position, remove the little equalizer clip and replace it above the spot at which you are holding the cord. Now try raising the blind and lowering it. If the equalizer clip hits the cord stop before the blind is fully lowered, replace the clip farther down.

FIXING BALKY BLINDS. If a blind will not stay up, the cord stop is at fault. The movable segment may be bent or simply gummed with dirt. Apply a little cigarette-lighter fluid to clean it, and a drop of thin, nongumming oil to lubricate it. If it is bent, try to reshape it with small-nosed pliers.

When blinds will not tilt, see first whether the tilt cord has slipped off its pulley. If the worm-gear mechanism is dirty, clean it and oil sparingly. Wipe off excess oil, which will stain cords or tapes. A badly worn tilt mechanism may not tilt the blind far enough, or may not hold it in a tilted position.

A replacement unit consisting of tilter and connector can be purchased for wooden blinds. It is simply screwed to the head rail, with the connector engaging the tilt rail.

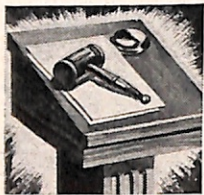
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Editorial

OUR NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER



In presenting the name of Hobert Lee Blackledge for the Grand Exalted Rulership, the Elks of Nebraska emphasized his steady progress in Elkdom in his subordinate lodge, his State Association and the Grand Lodge.

Starting as Inner Guard the month he was initiated, he served in all the chairs of the lodge, became Exalted Ruler in 1935. In 1939 he was elected Trustee and served four three-year terms in that position, declining further nominations.

Under his leadership as Chairman of that Board, there were saved the funds which made it possible to dedicate in 1956 one of the finest Elk homes in the Middle West.

In 1945-46 he was District Deputy.

He has been devoted to proper and effective rendition of the Ritual and is responsible for bringing Nebraska Elkdom to a high plane in this field.

In recognition of this interest, the Nebraska Elks Association gives an annual award for ritualistic excellence in the name of "Hobe Blackledge Ritualistic Trophy."

He was President of the Nebraska Elks Association in 1952-53, instituting the Association's publication "The Cornhusker Elks", which under his editorship attained a high degree of perfection.

In 1948 Brother Blackledge became a member of the Committee on Judiciary of the Grand Lodge, serving seven years, two years as its Chairman.

He compiled and edited the 1955 edition of Annotated Statutes, which was a fine testimonial to his legal talents.

In 1955 he was appointed a Justice of the Grand Forum.

He has served as President of the Buffalo County and Central Nebraska Bar Associations, Vice President of the Nebraska State Bar Association and is a member of the American Bar Association.

He was President of the Kearney Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Executive Committee, and for more than twenty years on its Board of Directors.

His wife, the former Helen Negley, and he are members of the Episcopal Church where he served several years as the Bishop. Mrs. Blackledge is Nebraska State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Brother Blackledge is one who might properly be referred to as a "dedicated Elk". His pleasing personality and his social instincts are reflected in the rather general use by his broad circle of friends of the one-syllable nickname, "Hobe".

No man in the Order is more familiar with its constitution and statutes or better qualified to interpret them.

He approaches the Grand Exalted Rulership with a seriousness of purpose, a broad and clear understanding of its problems and the determination and the ability to contribute to their solution.

We are justified in looking forward to an earnest, intelligent and successful administration of the affairs of our Order in the year ahead.

HIGH SPOTS OF GRAND LODGE REPORTS



For those members of the Order who do not have an opportunity to read the full Reports presented to the Grand Lodge by the various Grand Lodge officers, and agencies, we call attention to some of the high spots of the Reports as submitted at the

recent Grand Lodge Convention.

We note that 34 new lodges were instituted during Grand Exalted Ruler Bohn's administration and that California, New York and Oregon were the leading states in respect to new lodges.

Not one lodge out of the 1,800 lodges lost its Charter during the past year.

With interest and gratification one notes that the Foundation Principal Fund increased during the year \$450,000. This is \$50,000 more than the increase of any previous year.

The donations from individual members as distinguished from lodges and State Associations were over \$235,000.

From the Grand Secretary's Report one learns that the Grand Lodge has in its various funds United States securities in amount exceeding \$1,000,000.

The same source gives us the information that the current assets of the Grand Lodge are over \$2,100,000 and fixed assets \$1,200,000, making the total assets to the Grand Lodge \$3,300,000.

The subordinate lodges have net assets of \$270,000,-000, a gain during the year of \$2,000,000. While the recorded charitable, welfare and patriotic expenditures of those lodges amounted to over \$6,600,000.

The gain in membership during the past fiscal year, while not spectacular, represents a normal, healthy growth compared with that attained in recent years.

The Grand Secretary's report indicates an increase in membership of 22,015, bringing the total membership as of March 31st to 1,195,509.

The Report of the Grand Trustees shows that there are now 275 members of the Order resident at the Elks National Home at Bedford, Virginia, recognized as one of the finest institutions of its kind in the country.

We hesitate to use the word institution, for it is not at all institutional. It has all of the conveniences, services and comforts that are associated in one's mind as representing a real home.

We are reminded by the Report of the Grand Trustees that in addition to managing the Home and the 175 acres on the farm on which it is located, the Board has responsibility of passing on application of lodges of the Order for authority to purchase new property or make alterations in their present property and equipment. In this connection they acted in respect to applications involving expenditures over \$8,000,000.

One cannot fail to be very much impressed by the campaign of the Elks National Service Commission which contributes so successfully to the entertainment of the hospitalized veterans and, through their help in connection with occupational therapy, assist in preparing victims of war for the re-entry into civilian life. Beyond that stands out the work the Commission is doing to assist in preparing the patients for their discharge and to assist, following their discharge, in rehabilitation to normal life.

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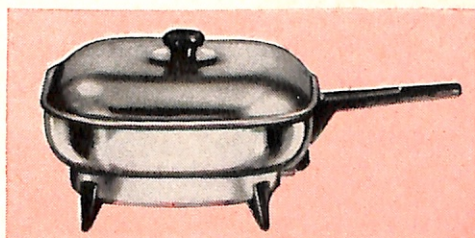
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